

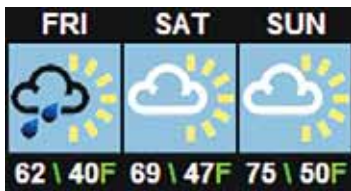
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• HS Freshman class Art and Fashion show, spring concert, steak dinner and PTO meeting from 5-8pm.

• Highlands School student play, "Anne Frank and Me," 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

• Taize in Highlands at Our Lady of the Mountains at 5:30 p.m.

• Rotary Cats & Dogs Bingo, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building. \$1 per card per game.

Saturday, May 7

• American Cancer Society "Carnival of Hope" Kickoff Celebration 10a.m. at the Highlands Community Building.

Monday, May 9

• The regular May meeting for the Hospital Auxiliary is at 10 AM.

• 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.

May 11-14

• Three River fly Fishing Tournament offering fishing, fellowship and philanthropy. \$500 for two-person team. All funds raised benefit the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund for Highlands School graduates. For more information call 526-2118.

Thurs., May 12 - Sun., May 15

• The Highlands-Cashiers Players present Ken Ludwig's comedy, "Leading Ladies," 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 for Sunday matinees. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$15 each person for groups of 15 or more. Call the box office at 526-8084.

Electronic Gaming moratorium lifted

Three ordinances were discussed by the Town Board Wednesday night, but only one was finalized – the other two required more work.

After much massaging between the Planning and Town

boards, the Electronic Gaming Operations ordinance made it through its final cut and the moratorium on new operations opening up in town was lifted.

Final changes to the amended ordinance include referencing

state law where applicable; adding the verbiage that the maximum number of "devices used, machines/terminals/computers, in whatever combination shall be no greater than 10;" that mini-

• See MORATORIUM page 9

Photos by Jim Lewicki



Mirror Lake Bridge closed until Dec. 31

Detour signs on US 64 east and west direct traffic to areas before, beyond and around the bridge

The NC Dept. of Transportation (NC DOT) began work on the Mirror Lake Bridge this week – a project long discussed and one the town had hoped would not disrupt life in Highlands during the season.

Unfortunately that won't be

the case.

The Mirror Lake Bridge will be closed to all traffic – pedestrian and vehicular — through December 31, but with any luck the job will be completed before then. This means that residents and visitors to the Mirror Lake area will have

to take detours.

Plans include reconstructing the bridge – making it four feet wider and one foot higher off the water. Higher off the water means it will be easier to maneuver boats under the bridge; four feet wider

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Two new buildings to change face of Highlands

Monday night, the Appearance Commission got the first look at two new commercial projects that will change the look of Highlands – some may say for the better.

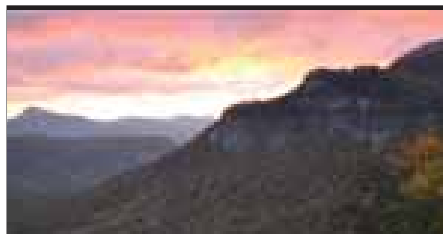
As new commercial entities, the first step toward the issuance of the necessary Special Use Permit (SUP) from the Zoning Board of Adjustment is an audience with the Appearance Commission.

Johnny Deal, is in the midst of purchasing the former Prudential Real Estate property on the corner of Maple Street and US 64 east, for his business, Affordable Green Builders.

He plans to demolish the current building and erect an example of the log-type homes he will

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Concerning Fred ...

Dear Editor
I really enjoy Fred Wooldridge's column even though I don't get to read it every week. But know what scares me about it? I actually understand what he writes!

Sharon Percy
Highlands

On using 'Walmart' to incite fear ...

Dear Editor,
Wow, after reading the column in Forum in the April 30 issue of Highlands' Newspaper last week by Ben J. Utley, Chairman of the Democratic Party, I am now fully warned of the tragedies that lie ahead for America unless the debt ceiling is raised.
He knows how to hit a home run by warning that prices at Walmart will increase. The only mistake he made was not telling us that Grandma will have to eat cat food.

Fred Wooldridge
Highlands

Think about it!

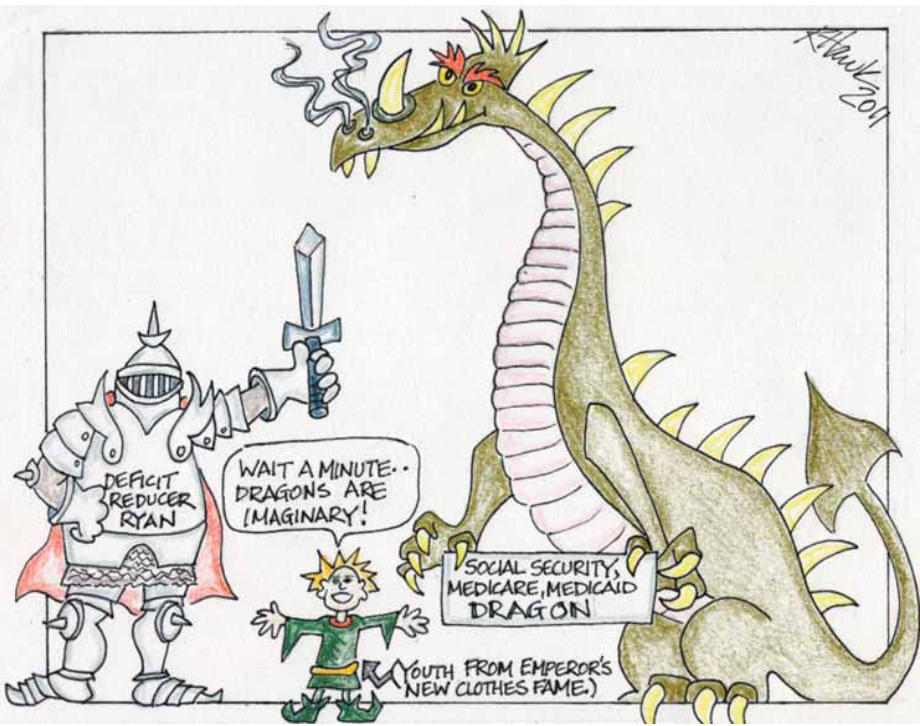
Dear Editor,
Gasoline is \$4 per gallon (and rising). Exxon-Mobile, Royal Dutch Shell, and BP have reported their best quarterly earnings —ever!
If you are not outraged, you are NOT paying attention!

John Gaston
Highlands

Hospital is a blessing

Dear Editor
We recently returned to our home in Highlands from our home in Delray Beach, FL for the summer. The change of altitude and my allergies effected my breathing very badly. I went to see my doctor, Dr. Scott Baker, and after giving

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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me an EKG, he said I should go over to the ER at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. When I arrived, they already had the room set up for me to have oxygen. After the oxygen, they gave me a chest X-ray, blood tests and additional oxygen.

After two hours of treatments, I felt much better. Dr. Gerald Szyber was on duty with a full staff of nurses and assistants. He gave me prescriptions to have filled and said to see Dr. Baker within the week for a check up.

We are so blessed to have the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at our disposal with a staff of knowledgeable doctors and nurses to attend to us. I thank you so much for your services.

Lucille R. DeVane
Highlands, Florida

Highlands to help tornado victims in Alabama

The recent tragedy that struck our friends and neighbors throughout Alabama calls us to action. Let's show our love and support to all those in need by gathering supplies and/or money to help them as they work to rebuild their lives.

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Don't have time to shop but want to help anyway? Money is definitely appreciated. Make checks payable to Highlands United Methodist Church with notation of "Tornado" on the memo line. Mail to PO Box 1959, Highlands, NC or drop by the church office at 315 Main Street or the church of your choice.

Deadline for supply donations is Monday, May 16. The truck will be leaving soon.

We have not forgotten our friends and neighbors in Rabun County. Stay tuned. You'll hear of plans to help them in the near future.

A helping hand, a heart-felt prayer. You never know the true impact when folks are in need.

• OBITUARIES •

Betty Jayne Johnson Barnes

Betty Jayne Johnson Barnes, age 64, of Dryman Ridge Road, Scaly Mtn., NC died Friday, April 29, 2011 at her residence. She was born in Knox County, TN, the



daughter of the late George and Maude Gadd Johnson. She was a seamstress for Clayburn Manufacturing and was a member of the Assembly of God Church. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was the secretary for F & F Paving and was a member of the Highlands Chapter #284 Order of Eastern Stars.

She is survived by her husband of 33 1/2 years, Fred H. Barnes; her daughter, Sandra Crunkleton of Scaly Mtn., NC and a step-daughter, Gail Butler of Swannee, GA; two sons, Matthew Barnes and his wife, Chris of Chapel Hill, NC and Richard Barnes and his wife, Mandy of Scaly Mtn., NC; one sister, Roseletta Parrott of Knoxville, TN. Nine grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jamie Crunkleton and two sons, Scott and Jimmy Crunkleton.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 2 at the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Al Sizemore officiating. Burial at the Scaly Mtn. Methodist Church Cemetery. The Highlands Chapter #284 Order of Eastern Star will conduct graveside rites. Dan Barnes, Mitchell Ensley, Christopher Barnes, Bryant Barnes and Ben Barnes will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice Foundation of Highlands, PO Box 190, Highlands, NC 28741.

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Those dad gum Florida gators will eat anything

No, no, no, not the football team....but on second thought, they, too, will eat anything. Actually, I'm referring to those scary, prehistoric critters hangin' out in canals behind Florida homes. They're called alligators and they'll eat anything that even closely resembles food....kinda like the Florida Gators football team but without helmets.

May is mating season for alligators and they are some kind of horny....and grouchy. The only thing worse than a hungry alligator is a horny alligator. Well, maybe a horny hungry alligator might be worse. (Are you writing this down?) Also, their eyesight is horrible and they're cannibals. There's nothing

scarier than a half-blind cannibal on the hunt. This is good to know just in case you and your favorite squeeze are out strolling along the water's edge and a gator mistakes her alligator handbag as an hors d'oeuvre. Because of poor eyesight, she'll probably lose her handbag and part of her lower arm. Alligators are very rude....worse than politicians. Did you hear about the cannibal who passed his friend in the jungle? Wait, that's another story.

Unlike Highlands where single fe-



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males, known as cougars, swarm each May and outnumber males two to one, Florida gators will head out if they can't find love close by. They'll eventually find their sweetie while Highlands' cougars hang out with little hope.

This is not good for gators' cause waiting to eat them is the giant anaconda, also a prehistoric critter....not as ugly but just as rude. (Are you falling asleep?) Florida anacondas have thrived because a bunch of boneheaded, thoughtless Floridiots released them into

the Everglades after they got tired of having their house pets eaten. Now anacondas are everywhere. This has put major stress on the gators and is why they're so grouchy.

If you're of the male species and reading this, you know how we get when we get focused on a member of the opposite sex. I think they call it tunnel vision....also known as brain drain....also called head transfer. Well, male gators are just like us. When they get focused, get outta their way.

Unlike alligators, the anaconda prefers land over water when hunting for food but will make an exception if a gator swims by looking for his soul mate.

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The long game

May 2, 2011. My day started as every other. I started the coffee and checked the Internet. Each morning I turn on the computer, expecting that some colossal event had taken place overnight. There was the occasional unexpected upset in sports, but I don't remember ever finding a really big story.

The first thing I saw this morning was an image of Osama bin Laden, stroking a beard he would stroke no more. The text announced he had been killed. Another story reported he had been buried at sea. My first reaction; I wondered if today was April Fool's Day. Nope. May 2nd.

The reality slowly sunk in. The architect of our national torment was dead. Details were few. US Special Operations troops had come by helicopter and conducted a successful raid which resulted in bin Laden's death.

I turned on the TV and saw images of celebrations in Washington and New York. Young people were climbing light poles and perched on a statue near the White House. The celebration seemed bizarre, more like tearing down goal posts after a big football victory. Footage of Americans waving flags and chanting, "USA, USA" followed. It was reminiscent of the reaction to the U.S. victory over the Soviet hockey team at Lake Placid in the 1980 Olympics. The chant and the image of Jim Craig draped in an American flag were inspirational. After that, the chant and the ready availability of a flag to use as a prop became, at least for me, cliché. Today it seemed down right contrived.

The end of World War II spawned wild nationwide celebrations. Our soldiers could stop fighting and dying. The menace of the Japanese in the Pacific and the threat on Nazi world domination had officially ended. The country, after years of sacrifice could get back to business as usual. Returning veterans could go to school on the GI Bill and create a generation we now know as Baby Boomers.

Today was different. A group of Navy SEALs had ended a decade-long, world-wide search for Osama bin Laden in a



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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mansion in Pakistan. It was cathartic, especially for citizens of New York and anyone who has lost a friend or family member in the wars that followed 9/11/2001.

But the war is not over any more than World War II ended with Hitler's suicide. There is work yet to be done in the war on Islamic terrorism. The terrorists will not win, cannot win.

Their desire to return to the eighth century, to a period of Islamic purity, swims against the current of history. It has appeal in the short term to downtrodden Muslim youth, who believe their suffering is at the hands of Americans, Europeans, and Israelis. Recent events in North Africa and the Middle East suggest that Muslims are starting to realize that we are not the villains, but their own repressive governments.

Osama bin Laden and his kind would have their people ignore the past 1,300 years of human history, the notions of the dignity of all humanity, the equality of women, the quest for happiness in this life rather than accepting suffering here in hopes of an uncertain reward in the afterlife. Muslims, not unlike the rest of the world's people want jobs, enough to eat, an education for their kids, security for their families, and yes, freedom. Once a person has experienced the thrill of self-determination, he is able to reject the intellectually bankrupt message of return to the past.

We will beat the Islamic terrorists because their message appeals only to the hopeless. And people in the Muslim world are increasingly experiencing hope.

The war will not end with parades and fireworks. One day we, or our kids, will awaken to the realization that the threat no longer exists. That will be the day that the siren call will have been marginalized to the point that it becomes non-existent. It would be a day for waving flags and robust chants, except that when day comes, it will go unrecognized.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV

Can't we all just get along?

Frankly, I doubt it. It comes as no surprise that we, the people, are seriously divided, and the chasm seems to widen on a daily basis.

Although their philosophy appears publicly muddled, the mid to far left has a tax and spend agenda that made that of previous Democrat regimes pale by comparison. I don't understand it; I can't explain it, but the drummer to which these people march is a total abstraction to me. The path down which these people would lead us is so obviously destined for such suffering that to not understand it staggers the imagination.

But let's look at more important issues, shall we? Here is a shocker! Even before THE WEDDING, bride Kate proudly announced that she'd be switched if she'd agree to obey Prince Willie. Now, I can sort of understand prenups; I may not agree but I can understand why they might be useful in certain circumstances. But not obeying? That throws down the gauntlet even before the knot is tied. Sort of early stages of not getting along if you ask me.

If that isn't devastating enough, try this. NEWS FLASH – Superman announces he is going to give up his US citizenship. Despite very literally being an alien immigrant, Superman has long been seen as a patriot symbol of truth, justice, and the American way from his embrace of traditional ideals to the iconic red and blue of his costume. What it means to stand for the "American way" evidently is an increasingly complicated thing, and proving too much for the caped one. That is simply not acceptable and certainly an indication of not trying to get along.

Speaking of absurdity, Ralph Nader told POLITICO that he is working on bringing together about a half a dozen candidates who could "dramatically expand a robust discussion within the Democratic Party and among progressive voters across the country." Each would focus on a specific issue where the far left says Obama hasn't done enough, including



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the environment, labor and health care. Now that is NOT getting along, and they are allegedly on the same side.

In the interest of fairness, the R's are not above beating up on each other. When The Donald (Trump) (self-described Republican) assumed the role of birther-in-chief, he incurred the wrath of real Republicans by playing into the lib's hands, allowing the public discourse to be diverted to

an issue that has been thoroughly aired, when there were a multitude of serious issues to be debated. John McCain, who knows what he's talking about on the subject, declared that Trump was not a serious candidate. Now, a number of Republicans are distancing themselves from both the "celebrity apprentice" host and his theories about the president's background.

Incidentally, North Dakota had a minor blizzard the other day. Welcome to May.

"Is anybody stunned that Katie Couric is leaving the 'CBS Evening news' after her contract expires in June" asks Maccon (not us) .com? "Through a statement last week, Couric (anchor and managing editor) said she and her team were 'overly ambitious' in the production of the newscasts (much to the disdain of the Les Moonves, CBS President, who is probably feeling a little stupid by paying Couric \$15 mil per year). The last time I wrote this I incurred the wrath of a reader, but I stand by my assessment. Adults do not want to get their news from a perky lady named Katie. I rest my case.

In the interest of (gender) equality, Glenn Beck seems to not be getting along with Fox News' Roger Ailes. From Dana Milbank (no friend of Beck's) of the Washington Post: "Fox News announced that it was ending Glenn Beck's daily cable-TV show. When Beck's show made its debut on FNC in January 2009, the nation was in the throes of an economic collapse the likes of which had

• COACH'S CORNER •

Schadenfreude

I've discussed the concept of Schadenfreude before in this space, but as a recap for those who have not read this column before (consider yourselves fortunate) the word Schadenfreude refers to when one gets pleasure or enjoyment out of the suffering of others. I've talked about how Duke fans get enjoyment out of UNC losing and vice versa, or how most everyone enjoyed Tiger Woods eating the dust after his publicized affair. Now, I remind you about Schadenfreude to set up my commentary about the recent news of the demise of public enemy #1 Osama Bin Laden.

As sports fans, we tend to take delight in the losses of our rival teams or, in extreme cases, when misfortune strikes a hated player or team. However, one of the things that I have noticed was that after the news broke about the death of Bin Laden at the hands of the Navy Seals, there was a brief window of time in which there was great unity in the US. At the game between Philadelphia and New York, fans from both teams erupted in chants of "USA, USA." It was a very interesting time because it reminded me of the World Cup, when I sat in the bar and listened to all of the people there cheer for the same team for one of the first times in my life. There was certainly something unifying about the events of Sunday, even if it was simply for a very short time.

I suppose that there are some that feel as though Americans are taking the



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Schadenfreude concept that is one of the most accepted parts of sports today and applying it to real life. The prospect of cheering the death of another human being, regardless of how reviled he may have been, can be very unnerving for a portion of the population. I have heard several people state that they are "not going to celebrate the death of a man," and still others remain mute on the matter for fear of appearing bloodthirsty. However, I submit to you today that a celebration is in order, and it is not because of the death of another human being.

Instead, the celebration is in order because regardless of his gaunt appearance and physical frailty, Bin Laden was at war with the United States and the freedoms that our nation has represented for over 200 years. Our nation is not perfect, and we have plenty of moments throughout our history in which we were not what we said we were. In this case, however, Americans should celebrate together as a nation. We should celebrate a victory for America against the forces of terror.

As we rejoice in the streets, or in the stands of a sporting event, or even with mere goosebumps in our own home... we celebrate not death, but the life that comes from success and victory. Ten years ago we were attacked, and one man has stood as the symbol for those who would bring terror upon the United States with those attacks. That symbol is no more, which is a development that every American can be thankful for.

• COACH'S CORNER • with Ryan Potts

Highlanders split pair of road games

The Highlands High School women's soccer team returned from Spring Break with a pair of road games against the Thomas Jefferson Lady Gryphons and the Cherokee Lady Braves.

On Thursday, the Lady Highlanders traveled over 100 miles to Rutherfordton,

NC to face Thomas Jefferson. The Lady Gryphons figured to pose quite a challenge for Highlands as they were ranked 9th in the state with only one loss to Hendersonville on the year. Highlands came out fearless, scoring a goal early on a shot from Hayden Bates that the Gryphon keeper mishandled.

Thomas Jefferson was able to respond, getting the next two goals before Highlands was able to equalize just before the half after a second goal from Bates. Thomas Jefferson owned the first five minutes of the second half, scoring two goals almost immediately. The Lady Highlanders were able to get back into the game on a goal from Emily Munger that cut the deficit in half. A frantic finish saw Highlands with several opportunities to tie the score late, but were

unlucky as they could not find the back of the net. Thomas Jefferson added a very late goal on a controversial call in order to complete the final margin of 5-3.

The Lady Highlanders traveled to Cherokee the next day to face the Lady Braves in a Smoky Mountain Conference matchup. Highlands struck first with a goal from Emily Munger and looked to have taken a 2-0 lead when a second

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Why?

By Rev. Denison Franklin
The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

On Easter Sunday afternoon my wife and I traveled to our home in Birmingham to visit family and friends for several days. Early Wednesday before dawn a powerful storm hit the city with expected results: fallen trees, downed powerlines, and damage to homes and other structures. Compared to the storm that took so many lives and destroyed so much of Tuscaloosa, areas of Birmingham, North-west Georgia, and threatened Highlands, the earlier storm was not significant.

That historic tornado not only killed many people - at last count more than 300 in the states affected — but disrupted the lives of hundreds more to such an extent that recovery will take months, perhaps even years. Survivors who were interviewed on national broadcasts were dazed, heartbroken, and overwhelmed with the magnitude of their losses.

It's just human to ask at such times. "Why?" Why was my life and property spared when so many others suffered so much? Why did the monstrous storm travel five miles north of my home and crush the hopes and even the lives of other people, many who were already living on the margin of disaster and despair? I am pretty sure it was not because God loved me more or because they were greater sinners. Jesus clearly said that God's favor does not operate in the lives of people like that. Suffering is not punishment from God. I know pain and brokenness can be self-inflicted, the consequence of irresponsibility and self-centeredness. If you drive recklessly or impaired by alcohol or drugs you stand a good chance of suffering, and causing others who are just in the path of your destructive pattern, to suffer as well.

Natural disasters, disease and injury are an inevitable part of life on this earth. The same natural order that enables us to live will, at some point, bring us to the end of our physical lives. And everything good ends too soon.

The Biblical vision offers us an answer not to "why?" but to "how?." When we suffer or are spared, as I was Wednesday evening the "why?" still remains a mystery. My trust in God, who Jesus showed us in his life and his suffering love, is the ground of my hope, whatever life brings. I offer two affirmations.

One is, Jesus is God's ultimate identification with us in our lives. When Jesus cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why?" He was, and He is, God, joining us when desolation and despair come. And come they will! A friend said, "If you live long enough, life will beat you up." It's true. I've lived long enough to know. I also know that Jesus stands with me in those times of grief and pain.

Second, my hope is founded on the conviction that in the end all will be well as St. Julian of Norwich said. At the end of my earthly existence or at the end of all things when God finishes the story that He began in Genesis, all will be well. It all will end as it began, in God's purpose to bless, in God's generosity out of which all things came to be, and which was made visible in human form and in human history in Jesus. He is the "Word made flesh" the expression in the finite world of what God intended always and forever.

What falls to us who trust Him is to show His loving presence to those who suffer in every way we can and to live out God's generosity and compassion that we know in Jesus.

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

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

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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.
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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
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Mondays: 8 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group & Breakfast
Wednesdays – Choir – 7
HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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
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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)

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.
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Evening Worship – 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

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WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

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be building, to be used as company sales office. Affordable Green Builders builds Energy Star Qualified log homes throughout Western North Carolina.

No construction trucks, trailers, equipment, tools or building materials will be allowed on or near the property. Proposed hours of operation of the sales office are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Appearance Commission OK'd the concept but requested a couple of alterations to his plans.

Members asked that he change the stone he plans on using on the outside to a more local stone – one that doesn't lay as flat against the building as in his concept; and that the landscaping around the building make it look more "like a bank" – more commercial looking — instead of like a home.

The commission also suggested he not outfit the inside of the building like a home – that it be a sales office without a full-blown kitchen, bathrooms, etc.

The property is zoned B3 commercial and professional offices are allowed, and Deal's plan – by architect Jeff Weller with Summit Architecture – meets all setbacks, parking and built-upon requirements. One parking spot per 250 sq. ft. is required so with 2,000 sq. ft planned, eight parking spots

are needed.

If Deal's SUP is granted, he will complete the purchasing process, and begin work with the necessary state agencies concerning the demolition of the Prudential Real Estate building.

The second item on the agenda was the new post office destined for the corner of NC 106 and US 64 west which builders hope to begin June 1 and complete by Feb. 1, 2012. The property is zoned B3 and it has a built-upon percentage of 70%. The property is 5.02 acres and 48,558 sq. ft. will be used for the building and the parking areas.

The 5,830 sq. ft. building requires 30 parking spaces (1 for every 200 sq. ft. of gross floor space) – the plan proposes 49 spots, 19 more than required.

Since the Town of Highlands Master sidewalk plan proposes sidewalks along NC 106 and US 64 west, it will be the responsibility of the property owner – Jane Woodruff – to construct the segments of sidewalk that adjoins the property. The sidewalk will be a condition of the SUP.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hear the two SUP requests at its Wednesday, May 11 meeting at 5:30 at the Community Building.

— **Kim Lewicki**

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mum parking is one space for every two terminals or one space per every 200 sq. feet of total floor area, whichever is greater and one space per employee, "in addition to other parking requirements."

This was added to handle the incidental electronic gaming operations in town – those being operated in addition to the main business in which they are located, so the owner knows the main business's parking can't count as the incidental business's parking.

The areas amended per the Town Board's previous requests were also OK'd – 500 feet between gaming operations and not allowing alcohol to be brought into or sold for consumption in the establishment.

The board decided incidental gaming operations and a primary gaming operation are the same. Commissioner John Dotson said whether someone has one machine or 10 machines it constitutes an electronic gaming operation.

Commissioner Amy Patterson voiced concern over the two types of businesses. She saw the required 500-ft. separation between such businesses as unfair if those businesses were incidental. "It's inciden-

tal if most of the traffic going into the business is going for something else, but if the primary reason people go to that location is for electronic gaming, then it would be a primary business."

But commissioners held tight believing the 500-ft. separation would prevent an "electronic gaming district" to develop.

A noise ordinance is being considered due to numerous anonymous noise complaints concerning after-hour noise from bars and restaurants.

"In looking at our current ordinance about noise, which is actually part of our nuisance code, we have learned that it's not enforceable for loud music, so an ordinance would be a solution to the problem," said Police Chief Bill Harrell.

He and Attorney Bill Coward have been working on the ordinance for some time but the version submitted Wednesday night was still not ready so it will be discussed at the next Town Board meeting.

The third ordinance was the Fire Dept. Ordinance which commissioners went over with a fine-toothed comb to bring it up to date, consolidate and eliminate redundancies.

-- Kim Lewicki



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On going and Upcoming Events

Ongoing

- 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.

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 Highlands in the Peggy Crosby Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Come do your homework, projects use the resources on site and get help from a tutor. For more information, contact Faviola Olvera at (828) 526-0925.

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 a.m.

- 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.

Fridays through May 27

- At The Bascom, "Highlands High School Ceramics," 8-9:30 a.m. Ceramics for high school age students desiring to learn the art of ceramics. The curriculum follows NC state guidelines and develops valuable skills Free. To register contact Highlands School, 828.526.2147.

Every Third Saturday

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

Last Sat. of the month through May 28

- At The Bascom, "Friends Around the Globe," 1-3 pm. Fun, creative, educational activities to build skills through the visual arts. Lessons will include a variety of media including drawing, painting, clay and other media. A collaboration with the International Friendship Center. Free. To register, call 828.526.4949, ext. 100.

Thursday, May 5

- At Highlands School, Art and Fashion show, spring concert, a freshman-sponsored steak dinner and a PTO meeting from 5-8pm.

- The freshman class is sponsoring a Steak Dinner at the Highlands School from 5-6:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$10 which includes a Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Bread, Drink, and homemade Buttermilk Pie.

Photography, Oil Painting, Ceramics and Open Studios at The Bascom



Greg Newington, whose work is pictured, will lead "Photoshop for the Beginner or the Weekend Photographer on May 5-7. For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call 828.526.4949.

There is so much to see and do at The Bascom this spring. Try one of our many workshop offerings.

On May 5th through 7th, join Greg Newington for "Photoshop for the Beginner or the Weekend" Photographer. Beginners can experience an "Intro to Photoshop" in the morning from 9 am to 12 noon or take it to the next level with "Acquiring Greater Photoshop Skills" from 1:30-4:30 pm. Join Greg as he helps demystify the complexities of Photoshop.

Is painting or ceramics more your style?

For beginner to intermediate students, The Bascom offers an oil painting workshop, *Painting Still Life with Palette Knife* from May 12th through 14th with Donna Thomas or, from May 13th through 14th, ceramicist Barry Gregg leads a totem building workshop.

Try the Bascom's open studio program which allows artists time and space

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Take advantage of a variety of days and times that are available throughout the year for open studio programs in ceramics; drawing, open media, printmaking and opportunities to study works in the galleries.

Express your potential by creating at The Bascom.

Stop by and visit the galleries and enjoy *American Still Life*, *Yesterday and Today* in the Main Gallery, *Young at Art* in the Loft Gallery and the Children's Gallery featuring works from student's in Bascom programs. Admission for the exhibits is free.

Workshop and class registration is going on now. The Bascom is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call 526.4949.

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On going and Upcoming Events

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Box office for HCP's 'Leading Ladies' opens this week



With director Tanji Armor looking on, the leading guys of "Leading Ladies" check out the party dresses they will wear in the dance scene of the hilarious comedy opening at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands on Thursday, May 12. Tickets for the general public may be reserved, beginning May 7, at the Highlands Cashiers Players' box office, 526-8084.

One week from the opening of the Highlands Cashiers Players box office on Thursday, May 5, the characters of *Leading Ladies* will "trod the boards" at PAC. Opening night is May 12, at the Performing Arts Centers in Highlands.

Written by Ken Ludwig, Broadway's reigning king of comedy, *Leading Ladies*, is a riotous comedy full of laughs, clever repartee, and joyful nonsense. The plot centers on two down-at-the-heels British actors, tired of performing scenes from Shakespeare in second-rate U.S. venues, who learn that a dying elderly widow has unsuccessfully been searching for her sister's children, Max and Steve, to whom she intends to leave her fortune. The actors hit upon the idea of posing as the missing heirs, but discover, to their dismay, that the heirs are female, not male, their full names being Maxine and Stephanie. Undaunted, the actors search their costume trunk, come up with female costumes, and decide to impersonate the old lady's nieces.

The cast, directed by Tanji Armor, includes several excellent veteran HCP

actors, including David Spivey and Rick Siegel as the two British actors; Kathryn Cochran as Meg, a niece of the outspoken old widow, played by Jody Read; Dean Zuch as the crusty old doctor who attends the widow; Ken Knight as the minister engaged to Meg, and Allen Kamp, a returning HCP actor, who plays Butch, the doctor's son, enamored of Audrey, played by Melissa Church, a bright newcomer to the HCP stage.

The Players box office will be open at PAC, 526-8084, for season subscribers on Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6. General reservations are taken Saturday, May 7, through Sunday, May 22. Hours are 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, May 15 and 22, the box office opens at 1:00 p.m. before the 2:30 matinees. Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. Individual Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$15 each person for groups of 15 or more, except on opening night.

The play is sponsored in part by Cashiers Printers and the Brick Oven/Movie Stop.

For tickets, please see a member of the Freshman Class or come by the Highlands School office. This coincides with the first night of the student play, "Anne Frank and Me" which begins at 7 at the Performing Arts Center.

- Franklin Community Blood Drive at the First Baptist Church, 69 Iotla Street, Franklin, 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Please call 369-9559 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.
- Taize in Highlands at Our Lady of the Mountains at 5:30 p.m.

- At the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin, music in the Meeting Room at 11 am. It's the first Thursday of the month, so come to the library for a fun morning of music with Lady and the Old Timers!

- Cats & Dogs Bingo will happen on Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building - next to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 being an extra money game. Play as many cards as you like.

Friday, May 6

- Angel Medical Center Blood Drive, 120 Riverview Street, Franklin, 8 am to 5 pm. Please

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"Most moms don't pamper themselves a lot, so customizing a gift that speaks to her hobbies and personal style will feel like a real indulgence," says Amy Myers, vice president of creative services for Things Remembered.

Here are some ideas to help you find the perfect gift:

* Mom that Needs Me Time: When Mom needs to recharge her

batteries between play dates and grocery trips, she'll appreciate a gift that helps her unwind. A gift certificate to her favorite place to relax — a spa, coffee shop or even a bookstore — can be just what she wanted. Or you can hire a cleaning service and babysitter for the day.

* Techie Mom: Maybe she has her own blog, or she's always first in line to buy the latest tech gadget. If so, look for techie gifts with a personal touch. Nameplates are now available on everything from iPad cases to laptops. And by adding a simple engraving, like "Chief Executive Mother," you can make the gift more meaningful.

Alternatively, you can look


for portable gifts that make her life easier. For example, Things Remembered offers a USB photo keychain that lets Mom keep her loved ones — and her work — with her at all times.

* Matriarch Moms: Proud moms and grandmas love to brag about their families. Between smart phones and computers, photo sharing has never been easier. Grandmothers, however, are often left out in this digital age. Consider researching the family genealogy online and create a family tree. Or you can give a traditional gift a twist by engraving a personalized message on a picture frame or photo album. Some retailers even offer multiple birthstone jewelry as a way to cherish each child.

* On-The-Go Mom: After having kids, it seems like there are never enough hours in the day. For the mom who makes the most out of every second, opt for a practical and portable gift. Tote bags make a stylish gift and are great for pool days or shopping trips, especially when monogrammed with her initials.

Or, to help mom freshen up on the way to her next event, consider getting her a perfume atomizer and matching compact. When engraved with a special message, her one-minute makeover will remind her how beautiful and loved she is.

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• At the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin, classic Movie at 2 pm. Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz live slap happily ever after as newlyweds honeymooning in their new 40-foot trailer. They quickly find that the interior of a moving trailer is ideal for tossing a Caesar salad – and everything else. That backing up their three-ton home is only a little more difficult than threading a needle while wearing boxing gloves. And that trailer-park folks are neighborly sorts who turn the lovebirds' rig into the wrong, wrong trailer by crashing the wedding night. If you like the Trailer, you're going to love the movie! This movie runs for 1 hour and 36 minutes.

Saturday, May 7
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-6 mile hike with two 300-foot elevation gains in **Panther town**: up Blackrock Mtn. to see pink shell azaleas, then down to the valley to see trillium and three waterfalls. Call leader Carl Blozan, 743-1765, for reservations.

• American Cancer Society "Carnival of Hope" Kickoff Celebration at 10a.m. at the Highlands Community Building. Carnival food, games and

prizes and lots of Relay information. Call 828-421-2144 for more information or go to www.relayforlife.org/highlands

Monday, May 9
• The regular May meeting for the Hospital Auxiliary is at 10 AM.

May 11-14
• Three River fly Fishing Tournament offering fishing, fellowship and philanthropy. \$500 for two-person team. All funds raised benefit the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund for Highlands School graduates. For more information call 526-2118.

Thurs., May 12 – Sun., May 15
• The Highlands-Cashiers Players present Ken Ludwig's comedy, "Leading Ladies," 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 for Sunday matinees. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$15 each person for groups of 15 or more. Call the box office at 526-8084.

Thursday, May 12
• Third Annual RED DAY Blood Drive at Keller Williams Realty, 33 Pine Lane, Franklin, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Please call 524-0100 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.

Fri. & Sat., May 13-14
• The Highlands High School Boys Varsity basketball team will host a 3 on 3 tournament

fundraiser on May 13 and 14th to raise money for their summer basketball activities. The basketball team will travel to Charleston, SC to play in the College of Charleston basketball team camp and will also participate at a team camp at the University of South Carolina as well. The cost of the tournament is \$30 per team ages 12 and under and \$60 per team ages 13 and up. There will be several divisions based on age and ability, and all teams are guaranteed at least 3 games. Trophies will be awarded to division winners high school and younger, while the adult division champion will win a cash prize. Concessions will be available on both Friday evening and Saturday. For more information or to register, please call Highlands School at 828-526-2147 or email Coach Potts at ryan.potts@macon.k12.nc.us

• Fun Factory Blood Drive, Franklin, 2 pm to 6:30 pm. Please call 342-3525 or 421-1730 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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Saturday, May 14
• Hike the Historic Kelsey Trail from Whiteside Mountain to Highlands. Along the way, small groups will be led to Leila's Rock, Garnet Rock, Highlands Falls and Soldier's Cave. Groups leave from Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street at 7:30a, 8a and 8:30A M. You will be shuttled to Whiteside Mountain to start the hike. The hike will take about 4 hours. A picnic lunch at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park will follow. The shuttle, hike and lunch are all included in the donation of \$50. Space is limited, and the choice of starting time will go to the first people to register. Visit the Greenway website at www.highlandsgreenway.com or, send a check to Highlands Plateau Greenway, P. O. Box 2608, Highlands, NC 28741.

News from the Mountain Garden Club: Cinnamon Fern

By Emily Compost

Cinnamon Fern—What is it? Where does it grow? How big does it get? Well, here is a short squib of very basic information.

Cinnamon Fern is a deciduous plant native to the Americas. This plant likes forested or shady areas with moist, rich soil, and the plant can grow to 3' high. These ferns require minimal care.

Unlike other ferns that bear reproductive spores on their fronds, this beautiful plant produces fertile cinnamon-brown spires. Hence, the name.

Cinnamon ferns are valuable to the ecosystem. In the summer, the mature fronds provide shelter and cover for small animals and birds.

But my favorite time to watch these ferns is in the Spring.

As the young, tender shoots rise from the ground, the fronds are tightly coiled and resemble the top of a fiddle. It's a magical process, one that changes daily.

Deer will eat the small fiddleheads, but in my opinion people shouldn't.

The fiddlehead stage of cinnamon

fern (*Osmundea cinnamomea*) may look like the fiddlehead ferns served in fine restaurants but don't let appearances fool you.

Cinnamon fern fiddleheads are bitter. Even when cooked, they may result in nausea, headache, and dizziness. Save your taste-buds instead for the fiddleheads of the ostrich fern (*Matteucia struthiopteris*).

If you would like to see some cinnamon ferns, stop by radio station WHLC and I'm sure Steve Day will be pleased to show you the two cinnamon ferns he couldn't resist last year at the Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale. The ferns are affectionately known as "Soft" and "Easy."

For a great selection of cinnamon ferns and other plants, come to the 29th annual Mountain Garden Club plant sale Saturday, May 28, 2011, 9 a.m. to noon, at the ballfield on Highway 64E. This year we have plants we've never had before. Who knows what exciting plants you may take home with you!



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'Local Food' is all the rage

Highlands and Cashiers weigh in

In Highlands ...

This summer Highlands residents will have a true Farmers Market to shop at. It will be held every other Saturday at the Pine Street Park starting July 9 through Oct. 22 from 8am-11am.

The Highlands Farmers Market is committed to bringing the community of Highlands fresh, local produce and goods, including: fresh breads and cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, eggs, cheese, jams, jellies, honey, flowers, soaps, candles, ready to eat foods and so much more.

The Highlands Farmers Market will take place every other Saturday; starting July 9, rain or shine. Join us every other week to stock your kitchen, enjoy breakfast from one of our prepared food vendors all while mingling with friends and neighbors.

You can find us on Facebook at Highlands Farmers Market to check times and dates.

If anyone is interested in selling their 'home-made' goods, please contact Andrea Gabbard 526-4858 or email andregabbard@gmail.com.

• Note: Look for the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's (ASAP) sticker in restaurants' and grocers' windows. It means they use Local Food — healthy, fresh food from local farmers who grow it. In Highlands, you will find the sticker at Paoletti's Restaurant.

In Cashiers ...

Do you know where your food comes from? How far it travels before reaching your plate? Ask the customers of the Blue Ridge Farmers Co-op and they will tell you that majority of what they eat comes from Highlands, Cashiers, Franklin, Bryson City, Sylva, and surrounding areas. Not only do they know where it comes from, but they also know the farmers personally! And they are doing CSA's (community Supported Agriculture) starting in June with these local products!

This year there are more options than ever before on the mountain for local food. The first is a CSA (Community supported Agriculture). Blue Ridge Farmers Co-Op (BRFC) in Glensville is offering shares now. CSA's are springing up all over the country to provide local organically grown fruits and vegetables to the public. For less than \$28 a week a family can receive a box of freshly harvested produce. We are also working with local restaurants to provide the same.

The Cashiers Tailgate Market begins May 28. It will be every Saturday from 9-12 at the Cashiers Community Center on Highway 64, next to Wendy's. Farmers, bakers, artists all gather and sell locally produced items. This year, Bearfoot Catering will be there with nutritious ethnic, vegetarian dinners. Join us for our first market and enjoy handmade hula-hoops and bring your kids for show by Kelly with Mountain Hoops. She will be joining us once a month for entertainment.

The BRFC is open Mon.-Sat., 10 am to 6 pm all year. The Co-op is a local store and sells only locally produced items. We also have vegetable plants and amendments for your garden.

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Leveraging the power of a 1031 Tax-Deferred Exchange

Several weeks ago, a couple from New Orleans notified me that they had closed on the sale of their rental property on the Gulf coast, and that they desired to do a 1031 tax-deferred exchange and invest the proceeds of that sale into rental property in the Highlands area.

I completely understood that they were weary of weathering hurricane seasons, as well as why they wanted to shift their investment from the beach to the mountains. They were wise to leverage the power of a tax-deferred exchange for their investment.

A tax-deferred exchange allows an individual to sell income, investment or business property and replace it with a like-kind property. Such an exchange can be a powerful wealth-building tool, as capital gains on the sale of this property are deferred or postponed as long as the IRS rules are meticulously followed.

According to the IRS guidelines, the two major rules to follow are:

1. The total purchase price of the replacement "like kind" property must be equal to, or greater than the total net sales price of the relinquished, real estate, property.



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2. All the equity received from the sale, of the relinquished real estate property, must be used to acquire the replacement, "like kind" property.

Timelines are most important in tax-deferred exchanges, and there are two key time periods for the investor: the identification period and the exchange period.

The identification period is the crucial period during which the party

selling a property must identify other replacement property that she or he wishes to buy (which may be more than one property). This period is scheduled as exactly 45 days from the day of selling the relinquished property.

The exchange period is the period within which a person who has sold the relinquished property must receive the replacement property. The Buyer has exactly 180 days after the date on which he or she closed on the relinquished property to complete the transaction.

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amount of the equity from the exchange, they may acquire substantially more replacement property. Properly structured and administered, an exchange becomes an invaluable tax-saving tool and an integral element of savvy real estate invest-

ing.

Further, the tax-deferred exchange proves to be an excellent vehicle for property owners looking to make an investment transition of ownership of real property located in one part of the country to ownership in an-

other area (as in this case, from coastal property ownership to investing in Highlands, NC real estate).

• Susie deVillie Schiffli, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. Her areas of expertise in-

clude real estate investments, niche marketing, social media, and strategic property positioning. An expert in entrepreneurship and anthropology, Susie applies her acumen in human behavior toward negotiating and advocating on behalf of her cli-

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means there will be a pedestrian walkway separate from the vehicle travel-way across the bridge.

The pedestrian walkway will be designated with a painted line – not a physical barrier – but it will at least mean more room on the bridge for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

DOT has erected Mirror Lake Detour signs at various locations along US 64 east and west to remind citizens and visitors of the roadways around the bridge road.

They can be found at US 64 and Foreman Road, Flat Mountain/Hicks Road, Hickory Hill Road and elsewhere. They are

bright orange and hard to miss.

Town Engineer Lamar Nix said closing the bridge on Mirror Lake Road will clearly make getting around Highlands more difficult, but the decision was out of the town's hands. "Originally, they intended to start in February, but the schedule got changed. DOT always has its own schedule," he said.

Nix said DOT wants to complete the job "in this construction season" meaning before the winter, but he doesn't believe they are on track to finish that soon.

— Kim Lewicki

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Tornado touches down in Scaly Mtn.



Photo by Jim Lewicki

The tornado that roared through Highlands early the morning of Thursday, April 28, tore a park-home from its pad and threw it against a neighboring home in Scaly Mountain off Dryman Ridge Road. Originally, it sat between the power head and sewer connection in the foreground of the photo. The tornado caused damage in Mountain City, GA before heading up the mountain to Highlands.

Macon County Emergency Services reported that two residential structures received storm related damage: 238 Dryman Ridge Rd in Scaly Mountain, where a park model RV was blown off its foundation and on 60 Buddy Gap Rd in Otto, where a tree fell on house.

Highlands Fire and Rescue Dept. provided mutual aid assistance to Cashiers

Fire Dept. for a residential structure fire; Franklin Fire Dept. responded to a fire alarm at The Fun Factory and there were five other burglar alarms reported; NCDOT was dispatched to regarding five trees down in the road; and a report of mud in the road; the Town of Highlands was dispatched to one tree down in the road. — Warren Cabe, EMS Director

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POW! Goodbye gator. And this is weird. When mating season starts, also in May, anacondas mate in the water. I guess they like the feeling of weightlessness during sex...nah, let's not go there.

Like all snakes, anacondas reproduce sexually. No Duh! The courtship lasts for more than two months, longer than some marriages. After the completion of courtship, the fertilization of the eggs occurs. This means they're doing the nasty. Soooo, while alligators lay eggs, female anacondas give birth to cute li'l anacondas that immediately start eating everything they can swallow whole, like your ham sandwich.

And for you guys still reading this, make note. To lure the males, the female anaconda lays down a trail of pheromone or stimulant in the air. We humans call that perfume. During the breeding process, 12 male anacondas group together with one female in a sphere known as a breeding ball. Breeding ball? Where I come from, we call that a gang bang. The anaconda baby daddy is always in question.

Gators lay their eggs on land and then cover the whole gooey and disgust-

ing mess with vegetation. When the li'l baby alligators are ready to hatch, they call to their mommies from inside the egg. What? Even more astounding, the mamma gator hears this even though the eggs are buried. Gators can't see much, but their hearing is awesome.

Once hatched, the mamma gator puts all the babies into her mouth and heads to the water's edge. I'm sure she snacks out on one or two en route. When she releases the babies from her mouth, they form a pod for protection. Then she teaches them to hunt and swim. (Are you sure you're still awake?) The babies will spend the winter with their mamma in her den. Shucks, I've known humans who didn't treat their babies that well.

And here's my final thought. If you think Highlands is a scary place with hungry bears wandering around during the summer, then think again. Florida alligators and anacondas are year-round and breeding faster than Muslims. An occasional bear wandering into town looking for food doesn't seem so bad to me. At least the bear won't swallow me whole.

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

• HEALTH MATTERS •

MC Public Health's diabetes-self management training expands to Highlands

Most individuals with diabetes know that they need to take care of themselves; but diabetes can be difficult to understand under the best circumstances and opportunities for good education are not easy to find. The Diabetes Self-Management Training program (DSMT) offered by Macon County Public Health is designed to meet this complex and ever growing health care need.

Macon County Public Health's DSMT program is a certified education program through the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The curriculum is approved by the ADA and is considered to be "best practice" for educating those with diabetes. Topics covered in the program are healthy eating, physical activity, blood sugar monitoring, medications, healthy coping, reducing risk for complications and much more. Participants will receive 8-hours of group instruction and two 1-hour individual sessions with a registered dietitian, for a total of 10 hours diabetes education. Classes will be offered three times per year in Highlands or when minimum class size is reached. Classes are also offered monthly in Franklin.

The DSMT program offered by Macon County Public Health welcomes all who wish to improve their quality of life. Macon County Public Health offers classes at the public health center in Franklin and also at the Jane Woodruff Clinic in partnership with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Some insurance carriers cover the cost of DSMT services; for those participants who do not have insurance, fees will be based on income.

To enroll in one of our upcoming programs you must:

1. Obtain a diagnosis of diabetes
2. Have your doctor complete a referral form, including Hemoglobin A1c test results
3. Mail, drop off, or fax referral to Macon County Public Health Center
4. We will then contact you for an appointment

For a referral form, please contact Melanie Batchelor, Registered Dietitian, at 828-349-2440.

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not been seen since the 1930s.

Beck's angry broadcasts about the nations' imminent doom perfectly rode the wave of fear that had washed across the nation, and the relatively unknown entertainer suddenly had 3 million viewers a night – and tens of thousands answering his call to rally at the Lincoln Memorial. But as the recession began to ease, Beck's apocalyptic forecasts and ominous conspiracies became less persuasive, and his audience began to drift away. Beck responded with a doubling-down that ultimately brought about his demise on Fox."

So, CBS can't get along with Katie, and Fox can't get along with Beck. Frankly, I can't comment on Katie's efforts because I never watched her, but I saw plenty of Beck and I finally couldn't bear his ranting. His content, contrary to Milbank's assessment, has been proven solid more often than not, but the intensity with which he delivers his message is too shrill for my tender ears. I wish him well.

Unfortunately Rodney King, the species isn't geared to getting along.

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Highlands PD log entries from April 26. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

April 26

• At 1:45 p.m., a woman attempted to shoplift a Loro Piana cape valued at \$3,000 from Rosenthal's on Main Street. Upon leaving the store, the alarm went off. The shop clerk requested her to come back in. The woman said her keys activated the alarm but before trying to leave again, this time without her keys, she went to the back of the store and appeared to return an item to the shelf. The second time she left the alarm didn't go off.

April 28

• At 2:47 a.m., a power line was reported in the road.
• At 3:35 a.m., a tree was reported in the road.

April 29

• At 4:40 p.m., a breaking and entering was reported at a residence on Maple Street. Inventory is being taken and the case is under investigation.

• At 4:41 p.m., officers were called to the Wine Cellar to remove subjects from the property.

May 1

• At 4:45 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Spring and S. 3rd Street.

May 2

• At 10:20 a.m., a careless and reckless driv-

er was reported on Main Street.

• At 10:38 a.m., an impaired driver was reported on NC 106.

• At 5:15 p.m., officers received a report of animal abuse in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

May 3

• At 12:45 p.m., damage to real property was reported at Fibber Magees on Laurel Street where a stone pillar valued at \$2,400 was damaged.

• During the week, police officers issued 9 citations and responded to 3 alarm activations.

Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from April 27.

April 27

• At 11:07 p.m., members of the dept. stood by in case of emergencies due to weather.

April 28

• At 1:49 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid the Cashiers FD to assist with a structure fire.

April 29

• At 8:44 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

April 30

• At 10:42 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hicks Road.

May 2

• At 11:50 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Harris Dr.

May 4

• At 6:45 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers for a structure fire.

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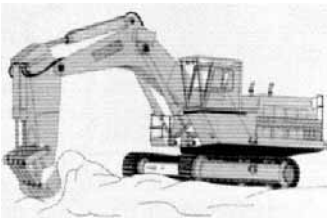
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the future action, I have herd,
not when they wish repose
but when it might be when they've rose.
If a bunch of cattle
have, for a time, sat all
out there in the pasture,
the one that would out last her,
one over another cow,
was the one that sat longest would now

be more inclined to raise
then the one who'd just sat down on the
graze,
but which of any specific bovine
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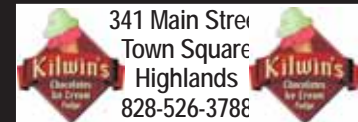


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