

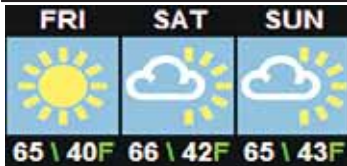
Highlands' Newspaper

FREE every Wednesday

Volume 9, Number 40

Internet PDF Version at www.HighlandsNewspaperPDF.com

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011



Wednesday, Oct. 5

• Art & Fashion for Fur – a fundraiser for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. 7-10 p.m. at Jorge's Place in Cashiers. Tickets are \$35 in advance available at Jorge's Place and Gallery on the Green in Cashiers. For more call 828-743-5752.

• JMCA Composting and Vermicomposting Free Seminar will be at the Cashiers Library on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6

• Taize at the Highlands United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

• Obagi Healthy Skin Open House and Jane Iredale Mineral Make-up Consultation at the Center for Plastic Surgery – Dr. Robert Buchanan – 209 Hospital Drive, Suite 202. 20% off Obagi and Jane Iredale products during the event!

Saturday, Oct. 8

• Highlands Farmer's Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, 8-11 a.m. Homegrown and home-made.

• Highlands Arts & Crafts Show at the Rec Park from 9-5. Sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and Highlands Recreation Dept. Fressers Eatery will have breakfast and lunch available. Free admission and free parking.

Mon., Oct. 10

• Physician Forum at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Board certified Gynecologist, Dr. James Smallwood presents "Women's Health- The Well Rounded Woman." 12 noon to 1 pm on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, hospital campus. Please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org.

Tues., Oct. 11

• B.E.A.R. Talk – Hiking and Camping in Bear Country, Albert Carlton Community Library, Cashiers. 5:30 p.m.

ETJ not dead yet; alley closes and more

Tuesday night's Town Board meeting was packed with citizens most there to hear the final word on Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), but others were also there to defend the use of town property for arts & craft fairs events; even

to weigh in on the partial closing of Church Street Alley.

Concerning ETJ, the vote was 3-1 to abolish it with Commissioner Amy Patterson voting against the motion. Commissioner Dennis DeWolf was absent.

Since it wasn't an unanimous vote nor did it pass with a super majority, the issue must be voted on again at the next Town Board meeting.

According to State Statute
• See ETJ page 27

Help sought IDing rape suspect

The Macon County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Forest Service and the State Bureau of Investigations (SBI) are seeking information on a rape which occurred Sunday September 25, 2011, at approximately 4 p.m. in Macon County within the Nantahala National Forest.

The incident occurred at the intersection of Forest Service Road (FSR) 711 and the Wayah Road, FSR 1310. A female driving through the area stopped to render aid to a person she believed was incapacitated who was lying on the road beside a piece of heavy equipment. She had driven onto the road to turnaround but stopped, parked her car and got out to see if the man was OK. When she reached out to check his pulse, he turned over and used a pistol to subdue and allegedly forcibly raped her.

She said he moved away from her when he heard a car and

• See RAPE page 7

Highlands School Rotary Exchange Student in Brazil



This year we will hear from Hayden Bates, the third of three Bates children from Highlands School who have been Rotary Exchange Students. Hayden is in Brazil. See Part 1 of her story on page 21.

Dialysis center OK'd for MC

The North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) on Wednesday voted unanimously to approve Macon County's Petition for Adjustment to Need Determination – essentially paving the way for a dialysis

center to be built in the county.

Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale was in Raleigh Wednesday, and reported that the SHCC approved five stations for the county. He added that it will

• See DIALYSIS page 7

• Inside •	
Letters	2
Obituary	3
Wooldridge	4
Salzarulo	5
Just Hers	6
Conservative POV	9
Investing at 4,118 FT	12
Candidate Q&A	14
Shopping Highlands	16

3 cases of La Crosse Encephalitis in county

One case in Highlands

Macon County Health Director, Jim Bruckner confirmed that two additional cases of La Crosse encephalitis were found in Macon County. Bruckner confirmed that both patients were admitted during September to Memorial Mission Hospital and both patients are currently recovering at home.

Laboratory testing to confirm La Crosse encephalitis relies on antibody testing which can take up to two weeks to produce a definitive result. These two additional cases of La Crosse encephalitis brought Macon County's total to three for the year, with the first case being diagnosed back in June.

A six-year old boy in Highlands was diagnosed with La Crosse encephalitis once the spi-

• See LA CROSSE page 11

The
SUMMER HOUSE
'Home Furnishing Center'
Mon.-Sat. 9-5 • Sun. 12-5
2089 Highway 106
828-526-5577



'Hear What's in the
Heart' at the
Highlands
Playhouse
Sept. 30-Oct. 9
Call 526-2695
for tickets.

Pour Le Pink 5-K Walk/Run
Saturday, Oct. 15

5-K Walk/Run is at 8 am, fun walk is at 8 am. Open to male/female runners/walkers, all ages. Funds raised will support HCH's breast health and women's services. \$30 to register. Call (828) 526-1313.



• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

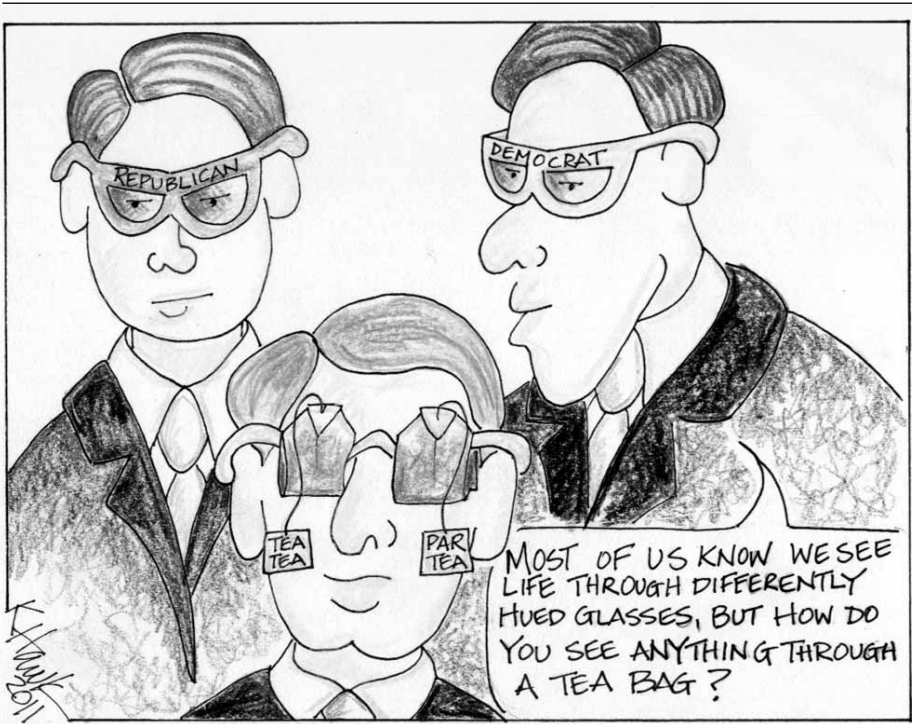
• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •

Save the eagle

Dear Editor,
Silver Eagle recently appealed a ruling by Highlands code enforcement officer, Josh Ward. It seems one Main Street storeowner objected to the sign on the front of our building. Highlands has a code limiting the size of a sign to ½ sq. ft. for each linear foot of building frontage. This size is extremely small and esthetically out of scale with most buildings. After several complaints by this disgruntled storeowner, we were notified that our sign must be removed. The sign features an American Bald Eagle flying over the Blue Ridge Mountains framing the name of our store. We had this sign professionally painted by a local artist and we have used it since 2005. It looks especially nice with the American flag that flies beside it. We are proud of this sign and the fact that we specialize in American made products. That's right, made in America by Americans.

Although I listed six signs within sight of our store that "visually" exceed the code, we were told our sign is the only sign that is required to comply. It seems Mr. Ward allows signs on awnings to be measured differently. The large, pink Bags on Main sign, which nearly covers the width of their building, was approved just three days after we claimed the code is being arbitrarily enforced. Have you noticed the number of signs on Nick's Restaurant, The Perfect Scoop and Highlands Wine Cellar? Apparently, multiple signs are overlooked. The Zoning Board has agreed to allow our sign if we cut off the American eagle and the mountains. Who would benefit? Would Highlands be more attractive? Is it constitutionally appropriate to single out one business while allowing others to ignore the code?

We lost our appeal and the \$100 fee we paid for the hearing. Is this the kind of selective "justice" we want from the government of Highlands? Is our local government supportive to Main Street businesses? I think Highlands is fortunate to have top quality retailers and fine restaurants willing to



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper.

Please EMAIL letters by

Sunday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

Highlands' Newspaper

"Our Community Service - A Free Local Newspaper"

FREE every Wednesday on the street and on the web;

Circulation 10,000

Toll Free FAX: 866-212-8913 • (828) 526-3228

Email: HighlandsEditor@aol.com

Publisher/Editor – Kim Lewicki; Copy Editor– Tom Merchant

Cartoonist – Karen Hawk; Digital Media - Jim Lewicki

Locally owned and operated Kim & Jim Lewicki

Adobe PDF version at www.HighlandsInfo.com
265 Oak St.; P.O. Box 2703, Highlands, N.C. , 28741

All Rights Reserved. No articles, photos, illustrations, advertisements or design elements may be used without permission from the publisher.

do business in an area with only a six-month "season." The high rents, utilities, insurance, and other expenses continue year round. These businesses also provide jobs for many of our residents.

Before we mutilate the American eagle on the sign and destroy a piece of art, we will pay another \$100 fee to apply for a variance. We should be granted a variance on the grounds that this sign is appropriate, attractive, and symbolic, esthetically in scale with the building and does not exceed the size allowed other businesses in Highlands. Sign our petition or send an email to Deborah@silvereaglegallery.com if you would like to SAVE THE EAGLE and let the Highlands government know you support justice and fairness for everyone in Highlands.

Deborah Nelson
Silver Eagle

The secret selection of the next Town Manager

Dear Editor,
If you are a Highlander that had unanswered questions about the situations with Joe Cooley and Jim Fatland, don't expect a new openness in the process of hiring the next town manager. During the September 20th town board meeting, at the suggestion of Commissioner Drake, and support from Mayor Wilkes, the commissioners agreed to conduct the interviews for the town manager in closed session.

As I sat in the audience, I asked myself why do these interviews for this critical position have to be done in secrecy? Will the citizens of the town even know who the candidates are? Will we know what questions were asked in the interviews, or for that matter, whether all the candidates were asked the same questions?

Since the meeting I have even more questions. For instance, while NC law does allow close session meetings over personnel issues, is the interview of candidates for this major position really a personnel matter where this law should be, rightfully or wrong-

• OBITUARY •

Frances Rebecca Nix

Frances Rebecca Nix, age 90, died Thursday, September 29, 2011 at a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was born in Pickens County, SC; the daughter of the late Barnett and Rose Melvina "Mev" Hicks Wilson. She was married to Claude Roscoe Nix who passed away November 1, 1996. She worked at summer homes in Highlands, at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for 8 years and also worked at the Biological Station. She was a member of the Highlands First Baptist Church and attended Westside Baptist Church. She was a former Sunday School teacher and a former secretary.

She is survived by a brother, Louis Wilson and his wife, Frances, of Mountain Rest, SC. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Corinne Norton and Louise Ledford and four brothers, Bill Wilson, Warren Wilson, Toliver Wilson and L. B. Wilson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands with

Rev. Roy Lowe officiating. Burial will be in Highlands Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Woodrow Wilson, Harvey Wilson, Edward Wilson, Wayne Wilson, Jim Nix and Gene Norton. In lieu of flowers, memorial

donations may be made to Four Seasons Hospice, 571 South Allen Rd., Flat Rock,

NC 28731. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Take Highlands
Home With You!
The Highlands Coffee Mug



Exclusively at...
The Hen House
488 E. Main Street • 787-2473
Monday-Saturday 10a-5p

VOTE:

Brian J. Stiehler

Town Commissioner • November 8, 2011

- Pro business
- Supports controlled, sustainable growth
 - For the protection of historic sites
 - Supporter of all town employees
 - Environmentally conscience
- Supporter of Highlands School and its children, staff and administrators
- For transparency of the Town Board



Call Brian's cell @ 200-9007 if you have any questions;
he wants to earn your vote!

Paid for by the committee to elect Brian Stiehler



A Residential Retirement Community

Independent Cottages and Apartments or Assisted Living Suites

Retirement as it is meant to be! Enjoy our carefree lifestyle with elegant dining, scheduled transportation, and a full calendar of planned events to meet all stages of life.

Call for a tour and join us for lunch.
828.526.5251

CHESTNUT HILL is located at 64 Clubhouse Trail.
Turn on Buck Creek Road and proceed to Clubhouse Trail.
Visit us at www.ChestnutHillAtHighlands.com

Karlings Altitudes

Fine Dining • Award Winning Cuisine
Live piano music!

at Skyline Lodge

Mountain Top Retreat

Scrumptious

SUNDAY Brunch \$19.95

New Menu items & unlimited Champagne

Lunch: Tues - Sun.

Sunday Brunch: 11:30 - 2:30

Dinner: Tues - Sat 5 - until...

Breakfast: Fri-Sun 8 - until ...

Loose Moose Full Service Bar

Happy Hour Drinks 1/2 Off!

Open Fri & Sat: 5 - until...

(828) 526-2121 • (800) 575-9546

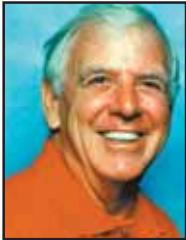
470 Skyline Lodge Road - 5 min from Highlands

www.skylinelodge.com

www.karlingsaltitudes.com

• LOOKING AT LIFE •

Numb to violence



Fred Wooldridge

Feedback is encouraged!
askfredanything@aol.com

In the early morning hours of December 17, 1979, Miami police officers pursued 33-year old McDuffie on his Kawasaki motorcycle on an 8-minute high speed chase through the residential streets of Miami's all black Liberty City and Overtown

at speeds of over 80 mph. McDuffie eventually crashed and was caught after a short foot chase.

Here's a little something for you to chew on. In the 70s, no one....I mean no one.....ran from the police without getting their butt whipped after they were caught. It was the unofficial law of the land. What happened to McDuffie after the chase is still in question. He was taken to the hospital with multiple fractures to his skull. Was he beaten to death by the police or did he sustain some of his injuries when he lost control of his motorcycle at high speed and the cops just finished him off? Actually, for McDuffie, it didn't matter. He was dead.

Of the eight officers involved in the chase, three were indicted for manslaughter.

•See WOOLDRIDGE page 20

• Highlands Fine Dining •

Nick's Fine Foods

Fine Food For Particular People

Lunch Tues.-Sun. 11 a.m to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner Tues.-Sat. from 5:30 p.m.

Now offering beer, wine and cocktails!

www.nicksfinefoods.com

108 Main Street • 526-2706

Wine Spectator
2011
Award of
Excellence

WILD THYME GOURMET

Serving Lunch and Dinner Year-Round!

Lunch 7 days a week: 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Dinner Wed-Mon from 5:30
Outdoor Dining Available!

Gourmet Foods,
Fine Wine & Beer

www.wildthymegourmet.com 526-4035 • 490 Carolina Way • Highlands

Ristorante Paoletti

Uptown Italian Dining Since 1953
Downtown Highlands Since 1984

Exceptional Wines and Robust Cocktails
Dinner/Bar from 5:30 nightly • Reservations: 828.526.4906

Bistro
— ON MAIN —
- a restaurant

The Main Street Inn

270 Main Street • (828) 526 - 2590
www.mainstreet-inn.com

FULL BAR – Beer, wine, cocktails
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Check website for days and hours:
www.mainstreet-inn.com

Wine Spectator Award

...on the Verandah Restaurant on
Lake Sequoyah

Now Serving Sunday Brunch
Open Nightly for Dinner
6-9 p.m. ...

828-526-2338 • www.ontheverandah.com

Serving Highlands Since 1999
www.Fresserseateeryhighlands.com

Open for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner 10 a.m. until...

New Deck for outside dining!
Extensive Wine & Beer List

Monday Madness:
\$5 Burgers & \$1 OFF Beer

151 Helen's Barn Ave. • 828-526-4188

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

There is something wrong when 1/3 of Medicare is spent on patients in the last year of their life

I met a bright young American graduate nurse on a recent visit to Haiti. She'd recently graduated from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Her father, an electrical engineer worked in Haiti after the earthquake and had friends there. Kate showed up, unescorted and unsponsored, in the emergency room and offered to help.

It's a pretty inspirational story; an idealistic young nurse, traveling alone to a place like Haiti, offering to help wherever and however she could. It's a story that might not have happened if Kate had been able to find a job. Health care was once thought to guarantee recession proof employment. Only 15 nurses in Kate's class of 84 had found nursing jobs four months after graduation. Her class included not only starry eyed young idealistic students, but middle-aged men who had turned to nursing in the belief they would escape the cycle of layoffs so common in America today. One of her classmates took a job decorating cakes in a bakery. Most were still looking for work.

Last week Anderson Regional Medical Center, in Anderson, SC, eliminated 185 jobs. More cuts are in the wind. South Carolina hospitals have endured two major reductions in Medicaid reimbursement in 2011. The plan, both at state and federal levels seems to be to reduce health care costs and extend coverage by not paying individuals and institutions which provide the care. It's a strategy similar to deciding that all American have a God-given right to own a car, and achieving the goal by telling people to drive to the nearest dealer and taking what they want.

Paul Keckley, PH.D Executive Director of Deloitte Center for health Solutions recently spoke to a meeting of the American Hospital Association. Included in his sobering remarks were these: one in four American hospitals will be insolvent within four years; when the employer-funded health insurance mandate becomes effective in 2014, em-



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

**Feedback is encouraged.
email:**

hsalzarulo@aol.com

ployees who drop coverage will save an average of \$4,600 per employee by paying the fine instead of purchasing insurance. Hospitals lose money taking care of many Medicare patients. That's why, in case you have commercial insurance, your recent bill listed a charge of \$50 for a Tylenol or \$100 for a Band-Aid. You are paying for Medicare in taxes and you are paying again in higher insurance premiums to subsidize Medicare and Medicaid patients. One of President

Obama's plans to make health care more affordable is to reduce reimbursement to providers. We've already discussed that one. Another is with EMR, or electronic medical records. The hardware and soft-

ware to establish and maintain computerized medical records is costing even small hospitals millions of dollars. We'll see if there are savings down the road.

An aging population, one which is disinclined to accept responsibility for its health, is a huge hurdle to overcome. Chronic avoidable diseases continue to cost billions to treat. I include diseases linked to smoking, drinking, obesity, and a sedentary life style, prized by many of our countrymen. I could add driving without a seatbelt and riding a motorcycle without a helmet, but of practitioners of those risky behaviors seem to believe they have a constitutional right to spill their brains on the highways. It's not a debate I want to have. It's paying for their folly that bothers me.

We continue to treat patients with terminal cancer in intensive care units. Cardiac pacemakers are placed in patients

with end-stage Alzheimer's disease. Feeding tubes are inserted into patients in irreversible coma. One third of the Medicare budget is spent on patients in the last year of life. You might say, "That's when folks are sick."

Since I'm not running for anything, and the chances that I ever will are exceedingly slim, I can say, "It really is time to pull the plug on Granny." Thank her for her sacrifice. Praise her for her patriotism, and present a flag to her family. That's what we do for fallen soldiers who have sacrificed so much more.



ahealthy home
crawspace solutions

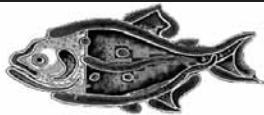
We fix damp crawlspaces & musty smells...guaranteed!

For your FREE inspection call 828-787-1673.

House of Wong

....Betty Wong cordially invites you to a
Final 2011 TRUNK SHOW
October 4 - 15
Sample Sale 50% off
By appointment only
10 am - 4 pm
Call 526-3865

• Eateries •



Pescado's
Quesadillas – Tacos – Burritos
Homemade soups &
freshly baked cookies
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat
11a - 7p
Tues, Wed • 11a-3p
Eat right, Live long!
226 S. 4th St., Highlands
838-526-9313

365 Main Street
526-5660
The
Pizza Place
Always cold beer on tap.
Extended dessert menu.
Best salads in Town!
Fresh pizza slices for lunch everyday.
Gluten-free & wholewheat crust, too!
Open 7 days a week
Sun.-Thurs. 11a-10p
Fri. & Sat. 11a-11p
"Your family friendly pizzeria & sub shop"
Live music Tues., Wed., & Sat.
nights in OCTOBER



Daily
Specials
& The
Best
Burgers
in Town!

Breakfast & Lunch
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(Closed Monday)
787-2299
3601 Cashiers Road
(next to Community Bible Church)

... LETTERS continued from page 2

fully, applied. After all, these candidates are not actually personnel of the town or agents or representatives of the town where any sensitive legal or personnel matter is at stake. Granted, they are presenting their credentials, visions of town management and their experiences, but should this information be hidden from the public access?

Upon the hiring the town manager, more than likely, certain members of the town board will call for the unlimited operating authority for the new manager that on a day to day basis exceeds those powers of the mayor and individual town board members. That is why it may be prudent for the town board to adopt a more open interview process. Would it be that disastrous to allow interested citizens to sit in on the interviews? And would it be terrible for those citizens to give feedback to their elected board members as to how they assessed candidates response to questions?

A response to this argument may be that some candidates may feel uncomfortable revealing their views about town management in public. Conversely, it could be argued that this public process would be indicative of how a candidate would interact and communicate with the public and board when he or she was actually on the job.

Some of my friends on the town board may chide me by saying I don't understand the the need of having frank discussions in private concerning individual candidates. My response would be that when it is time to evaluate and select a candidate, by all means the board should do it in closed session. But, the public should not be barred from the entire process. Let the people of Highlands know who is being considered for the position and be allowed to hear candidate views concerning the operation of town.

Patrick Taylor
Highlands

Reduce unemployment and grow our economy

Dear Editor,

Our country's debt over time would be less of an issue if we kept our fiscal deficits lower than our income growth. This can be done if we increased our GDP, Gross Domestic Product refers to the market value of all final goods and services produced in a country in a given period. This is true for all times and all countries. Studies have shown that tax increases reduce GDP from 1 to 3 times, depending on the academic study used. Large tax increases stops growth and increases unemployment thereby reducing GDP. Therefore, to grow our economy there needs to be a reduction in our deficit, our government must spend less, be reduced in size and the private sector must be encouraged to invest.

There are two ways to grow the economy. One is to increase our working-age population or we can increase productivity. This can be done, as studies show, through the start up of new companies since that is where most new jobs in the United States are initiated. When governments run deficits by increasing their size, spending more than they take in and hinder growth with regulations those take away from the private investments thereby slowing down the economy. Facts show that bigger governments leads to lower growth.

It has been shown that world wide, including the USA, that as the governments gets bigger, growth gets lower or slows down. These facts support those who want smaller governments and more employment. I'm of the opinion that by reducing taxes, eliminating waste and removing unnecessary regulations this country could again begin to grow and prosper.

Paul S. Horvath
Highlands

The next 4 letters speak to the craft fairs held in K-H Park

Dear Editor,

Over the Labor Day weekend I had the pleasure of visiting the craft fair in Highlands. It was delightful and I purchased several items. Then I continued on to Main Street and did more shopping. If the craft fair had not been there I would not have gone shopping in Highlands. It was certainly a draw for me as well as the merchants.

Since then I have been in Highlands again and talked to several shop owners. All of them told me what a good weekend it was for them and that the craft fair had added to their business - not subtracted. Perhaps a very few "high end" merchants were hurt but then you can't blame that on the fair - rather on the economy.

Another draw is that the craft fair is free - unlike the one in Cashiers where you must pay. So keep the fair and those of us who attend will continue to shop in the local stores as well.

Nancy Corbett
Glenville, NC

Dear Editor,

It's odd to me that any local business would discriminate against an event (the Village Square Art & Craft Show) which is designed to bring in people locally. As a tourist-oriented economy, the local area desperately needs any attraction to entice people to visit. I fully support the show as an important part of a vital and vibrant tourist economy!

The Apple Harvest Festival, held in downtown Waynesville, has a HBA Home Show held at the same time. It is a great opportunity for people to come to a mountain town, shop, eat, and meet local homebuilders. I haven't researched the matter, but I can't imagine that the restaurants and shops on Main Street in Waynesville complain about people not being able to park in front of their stores on the days that the Apple Fest is held. They'd much rather see the street packed with people with dollars to spend!

James Pader
Franklin, NC

•See LETTERS page 25

Larry Rogers
Construction Company, Inc.
Excavating • Grading • Trucking
Trackhoe Backhoe • Blasting • Utilities
(828) 526-2874



... DIALYSIS continued from page 1

likely take anywhere from six to 10 months for a center to become operable.

County Manager Jack Horton said this was the last major hurdle to having a dial-

ysis center in Macon County, and the council's action clears the way to establish one here.

Even though a private company does the dialysis center, they are governed by the state when it comes to the certificate of need, and a county must show a dialysis center will be financial viable.

"We have been granted a special exemption because the report did not show the minimum number of patients which is 30," said Commissioner Beale. "We argued that we have many more than that if

you take into account the residents who go to Georgia, or do not come to their home located in Macon County because of the lack of a center."

A dialysis center in the county means those who need the life-saving procedure will no longer have to travel to Sylva particularly in inclement weather.

The recommendation from the SHCC will now go to Gov. Beverly Purdue's office later this year for final approval, and with that, the county will be in line for a certificate of need for a center.

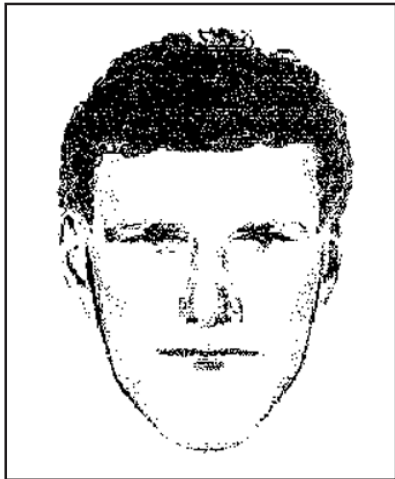
The SHCC will also perform a mid-year study of dialysis needs across the state, and that study could determine if there is a need for even more stations in Macon.

Once the certificate of need is approved, a private provider can apply to build and operate the dialysis center or occupy an existing building.

Members of the county's board of commissioners were very pleased with the outcome.

— Kim Lewicki

... RAPE continued from page 1



Composite of suspect

ran into the woods. She got into her car and drove down Wayah Road until she got cell service at which time she called 9-1-1 who stayed with her on the line until law enforcement agents found her.

Law enforcement authorities are seeking information and assistance in identifying a possible suspect. Authorities are looking for a white male, 6'0", 200 pounds, between the ages of 30 and 40, having brown wavy short hair, no facial hair, green to blue eyes, having a deep voice and a fair complexion. The suspect was last seen wearing dark blue jeans and a medium blue shirt. The subject is armed and considered dangerous and may be carrying a backpack. No vehicle information is available at this time. (See composite sketch of assailant.)

On the same date and approximate location, a motor grader was vandalized and diesel was stolen. Earlier the same day, three individuals were observed around the motor grader that may have information relevant to the case. These individuals or persons knowing these individuals' identities are asked to call law enforcement.

Persons having information to pass on to law enforcement may call the U.S. Forest Service Special Agent at 828-231-0288, the Macon County Sheriff's Office at 828-524-2811 or the SBI at 1-800-334-3000.



What's for Dinner?

Highland's favorite lunch place also serves **dinner to go**. All served hot.
Mon - Sat pick up from 4:30 pm until 7 pm.

Each Dinner feeds a family of four

Mon	24 Buffalo Wings or 2 lbs Chicken Tenders and hand cut fries	16.95
Tue	In-House made Italian Sausage Lasagna with a large Salad	17.95
Wed	Chicken or Steak pot pie and a large Salad	17.95
Thu	Roasted Meatloaf with mashed Potatoes, Gravy and a large Salad	17.95
Fri	Wild caught fried shrimp, baked potatoes, hush puppies, and coleslaw	20.95
Sat	In-house smoked BBQ, coleslaw, apple and bacon baked beans, and yeast rolls	17.95

Mountain Fresh Grocery

Cooking for Highlands

Mon - Sat open at 7 am and Sundays at 8 am.
Corner of 5th & Main, Highlands NC 828-526-2400



MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY
& WINE MARKET

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

We can't take over
God's work

By Rev. Denson Franklin
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Psalm 19 is the Psalm appointed to be read in worship in many churches on Sunday, October 2nd. “The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork. One day tells its tale to another and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out to all lands and their message to the ends of the world.”

Here in Highlands we are particularly blessed with the majesty and grandeur of God's handiwork in the beauty of our mountains, the spectacular colors of the leaves in fall. There have been many times when the same praise as the Psalmist's leaped from my mouth and heart looking out at a mountain vista from a friend's back porch.

The Psalmist continues to sing about God's Word, the Law, the Torah, that guides and directs us, that enlightens our eyes spiritually to see where we fit in God's purposes. The law of the Lord is clean and just. It points to the moral order that is as much part of God's creative purpose as the natural order. Such insight, the Palmist says, is more valuable than gold and sweeter than honey.

Then the Psalmist turns to self-examination. “Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from secret faults.” Not just what we hide from others but what we hide from ourselves are at issue here. We humans are very capable of self-deception, of rationalizing our behavior.

“Above all keep your servant from presumptions sins, let them not have dominion over me.” Presumptions sins, what is that all about? To be presumptuous is to be prideful, to be a “know it all”. In terms of the Earth, it's to act like it all belongs to us to do with as we please, to forget we are servants, creatures, stewards for future generations. None of it is ours. It all belongs to the Creator.

Sometimes we act as if we leased out a furnished house here in Highlands and then as renters decided to remodel, throw out furniture, and paint the place purple! That is presumptuous and in some ways that is exactly what we do when we despoil God's good Earth or think our economic interests are the same as our duty to God and the needs of others.

Eugene Peterson's wonderful paraphrase of the Bible, The Message, says of this verse, “Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over your work.” Instead, the Psalmist continues, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer.” “Let what I say and what I plan fit in your plan and purpose, O Lord, my rock my rescuer.”

John 3:16 • PLACES TO WORSHIP • Proverbs 3:5

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, GA
Church: 706-746-2999
Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer w/Holy Communion

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011
Worshipping at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers
Sun.: Holy Communion - 9 a.m.; Adult Forum - 10:45 at 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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

Third and Spring Streets
Sundays: Service, 11 a.m.
Monthly testimonial: 5 p.m. on the 3rd Wed.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Jim Kinard
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays – 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685
3645 Cashiers Rd, Highlands, NC
Senior Pastor Gary Hewins
Sun.: 9:30 am: Adult Sunday School
10:30 am: Middle School; 10:45 am: Children's Program.. Worship
Service. 12:30 pm Student Arts Group, 5 p.m. HS
Wed.: 6pm: CBC University Program

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

526-2968 • Reverend Denson Franklin
Sunday: Holy Eucharist Rite, 8 a.m., Breakfast; 8:30-9:30 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; Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Reverend
Howard L'Enfant

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Charles Harris, Pastor • 526--4153
Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Evening Worship 6:30
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

GOLDMINE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Off Franklin/Highlands Rd)
Rev. Carson Gibson
Sunday School – 10 am
Worship Service – 11 am
Bible Study – 6 pm

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Pastor, Randy Reed – 165 S. Sixth Street
828-421-9172

Sundays: Worship – 11

HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Dan Robinson
670 N. Fourth Street (next to the Highlands Civic Center)
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.; Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.; Youth 5 p.
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

HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Roy Lowe, (828) 526-8425
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.

Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin
828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197

MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor: Clayton Lopez • 828-743-9704
Independent Bible Church
Sundays:10:30 a.m. at Big Ridge Baptist Church, 4224 Big Ridge Road
(4.5 miles from NC 107)
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: – Sun: 11 a.m.; Sat: 4 p.m.; Thurs & Fri.: 9 a.

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 • 526-3212
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.; Worship – 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

85 Sierra Drive • 828-524-6777
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Child Care - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Youth 8th - 12th grades meet the 2nd Sundays 5 - 7:30 p.m

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

• CONSERVATIVE POV

The man behind the man

Do you ever wonder, as I do, how the President can be here, there and everywhere, making television appearances, playing golf, throwing parties at the WH. whatever, and actually govern at the same time. Seriously, is the man, as some originally suspected, of supernatural qualities? Does he sleep? It doesn't look like he eats much. I don't care how brilliant he is, how much personal thought can he put into what he says?

Certainly I realize that he has endless resources to put his speeches together, but where do they get their direction. Who really institutes policy in his administration? Let's face reality here folks, Obama's background from birth is checkered with large question marks, including his formal education. How did he move from the mean streets of Chicago to the hallowed halls of Washington?

Forget his qualifications relative to his birth, if he went to a Muslim school or not, how he sat through Rev. Wright's services for 20 years and claims not to have been influenced by his black liberation theology message. Lots of questions. How did Obama, a not outstanding student by any means, gain entrance in Columbia and then Harvard Law? Why are

his college records sealed? Why can't anybody be found that remembers Obama in college even though they attended the same time as he did, and carried the same subjects he would have?

I realize this is old news, but it is still valid. The questions are still unanswered. They, and all the other curious issues which continue to haunt Obama, are being obscured by the non-stop crises with which we are continually besieged. How does a fellow go from Jakarta to Hawaii to California to New York to Cambridge MA, to Chicago, spend four years as an undistinguished junior associate in a law firm and suddenly become the political wiz kid of all time?

Who opened the doors that he blew through on his way to the top? How did a first term US Senator get picked to give the Keynote Address at the Democrat National Convention in July, 2004? How did this still unknown put together a pres-



Don Swanson
Feedback is encouraged. Email
swansonson@dnet.net

idential campaign that was successful against one of the slickest and most effective political teams ever? Is all this serendipity? Fate? A random convergence of events? I ask you. Meanwhile, all through his journey to the top, Obama was exposed to, and sometimes immersed in, some form of Marxist philosophy.

Georgy Schwartz, better known to the world as George Soros, was born in Hungary in 1930. His father was a fervent practitioner of Esperanto – a language designed to be the first global language, free of any national identity. The Schwartz's, who were non-practicing Jews, changed the family name to Soros in order to facilitate assimilation into the gentile population as the Nazis spread into Hungary during the 1930s.

When Hitler's henchman Adolph Eichmann arrived in Hungary to oversee the murder of that country's Jews, George

Soros ended up working with a man whose job it was to confiscate property from the Jewish population. Soros went with him on his rounds. When Steve Kroft interviewed Soros on "60 Minutes," Kroft was dumbfounded to hear the joy and total lack of guilt as Soros described the time he spent looting the Jews. When asked if he had any feelings of guilt, Soros replied, "No, only feelings of absolute power."

Curious to know where Soros derived his political philosophy, I consulted Wikipedia, which informs us "His (Soros) philosophical outlook is influenced by Karl Popper, under whom he studied at the London School of Economics." That meaning nothing to me, I looked up Karl Popper, and I confess, I understood nothing of what was discussed concerning his teachings. Too intellectual for me.

So, let's try and understand Soros by his recent actions. Excerpting from an article appearing in Human Events in Sept. 2010. "The first shots in the

• See SWANSON page 10

Our Vision:
To be God's word in practice.



Every Sunday at 9 a.m.
Communion Service

Come and see!

Worshipping at the facilities of
Whiteside Presbyterian Church
621 US 64 Hwy, Cashiers

The Reverend Jim Murphy, Rector
(252) 671-4011 or (828) 743-1701
www.christanglicanchurch.com

Made to Order

Our **grill** serves fresh angus burgers made to order with hand cut french **fries**, grilled **chicken**, and daily specials like chicken parmesan or **pimento** cheese burgers. Grill open from 11 am until 3 pm every day.

MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY
& WINE MARKET

Come by in the morning for fresh baked goods and in house roasted coffee daily
Mon - Sat open at 7am
Sundays at 8am

Corner of 5th & Main, Highlands NC 828-526-2400

Now's the time!

Experience the fastest Internet with the most savings from **TURBOPOWER**.

- Download photos at lightning fast speeds.
- Shop online without getting bogged down.
- Share more with reliable connections to email, Facebook, Flickr and more.
- Watch thousands of movies and sports from ESPN3.com, Netflix and Amazon.

Call (828) 526-5675 for more details.

REDEEM THIS COUPON TO RECEIVE:

- **FREE** Set-up
- **50% off** installation
- **Reduced rates** for 12 mos.
- **NO contracts** required

479 South St. • Highlands, NC 28741 • yournorthland.com

NORTHLAND communications

INTERNET \$19.99 PER MO.

When bundled with Home Phone or Television service.

Offer ends 9/30/11. \$19.99 promotional price valid for six months. After six months, \$29.99 promotional price applies for the next six months. After promotional period, regular monthly fees apply and may change. Offer valid for new customers that subscribe to Northland Home Phone or Television service. Cannot combine with other promotions. Installation not included. Maximum speeds are approximate. Actual speeds may vary. Northland manages network bandwidth. Rates exclusive of fees, taxes and, if necessary, equipment rental. Equipment necessary for some services. Not available in all areas. Subject to terms and conditions of Northland's Subscriber Agreement.

• COACH'S CORNER •

Random thoughts from the busiest time of the year

Many Highlanders think of October and think of the busiest time of the year, but that sentiment also applies to the sporting world. Right now we have football, MLB playoffs and the start of basketball is just around the corner...and yes, before you ask, my wife does hate me right now. On to the thoughts...



Ryan Potts
tryanpotts@hotmail.com

Colossal collapses from both the Atlanta Braves and the Boston Red Sox in the last month of the season. However, all chokes are not created equal. One could see the Braves faltering down the stretch because of their young lineup and overreliance on their bullpen. Atlanta's terrific trio of Eric O'Flaherty, Jonny Venters and Craig Kimbrel were terrific throughout the season, but they are also young and wore down at the end of the year. The Red Sox, on the other hand, have no such excuses. They have a veteran lineup, veteran pitching and a savvy manager and yet still managed one of the biggest chokes in the last 100 years.

Speaking of colossal...that was the size of the beatdown laid on the Florida Gators at the hands of Alabama this weekend. Last year, the Crimson Tide dominated the Gators, but the game itself was ugly and sloppy...especially on Florida's end. This year, Florida acquitted themselves fairly well, and it was apparent that they could compete with Alabama at the skill positions. This year's area of domination for the Tide was on the offensive and defensive lines. Florida was unable to stop the run, even when it was obvious that AJ McCarron was not going to beat them throwing the ball. Alabama physically dominated the line of scrimmage, and right now I would have to put the Tide and LSU at 1 and 1A respectively in my NCAA football rankings.

While the Red Sox and Braves collapsed at the end of the regular season, the New York Yankees are on the verge of collapsing in the wild card yet again. With the loss Monday evening to Detroit, the Yankees look to AJ Burnett to get them back to New York for a decisive game 5,

but that could prove to be disastrous considering Burnett's performance this year.

Speaking of Detroit, the Lions join the Green Bay Packers as the league's only 4-0 teams after an incredible comeback victory over Dallas. That makes the second week in a row that the Lions have come back from down 20 points, and both games

were on the road. Cowboys' defensive coordinator Rob Ryan made the mistake of saying that Calvin Johnson would only be the third wide receiver on his team...big mistake from a big mouth. Johnson caught 2 TD passes, including the game winner, and dominated the Cowboys secondary all day. That makes 4 straight games with 2 TD catches for Johnson, which is an NFL record. Also of note is that Calvin Johnson is nicknamed Megatron, which has got to be one of the coolest NFL nicknames since Iron Head Heyward.

... SWANSON continued from pg 9

Obama Revolution, the highly unlikely campaign that elevated an inexperienced former Chicago community organizer born in Hawaii and raised in Indonesia into the Oval Office, were fired at the Long Island Southampton beach house of billionaire hedge fund manager George Soros."

The highly secretive meeting, in the summer of 2002, involved high-level operatives of the Clinton Administration and other far-left organizations. The purpose was to draft a plan to defeat George W. Bush in the election of 2004. Soros pumped \$26 million into the failed effort, but a much more ominous cause evolved; the 'Shadow Party.' And the Shadow Party would eventually become the Obama administration. And George Soros would become the master puppeteer for the President of the United States and the leader of the free world."

Much more next week. Stay tuned.

Shiraz

(828) 526-5759
www.shirazruggalleries.com

Oriental Rug Gallery

September SALE!
40%-65% Off

We Purchase Old Rugs

Expert Hand-Cleaning Restoration & Appraisals

4'x6' Pakistani Peshawar

9'x12' Indian Heriz

8'x10' Pakistani Tabriz

9'x12' French Aubusson Style

10'x14' Persian Kashan

Shiraz has built its reputation for the last 26 years on high quality merchandise and service that is second to none.

Main Street, Oak Sqaure, Highlands NC
Mond-Sat, 10-5 • Sun. 12-5

... LA CROSSE continued from pg 3

nal fluid test came back positive. His mother, who requested their names not be published said her son is recovering slowly and that it may take up to three months for him to be completely well.

On Thursday, Sept. 8, he came home from school complaining of a severe headache. He went to school on Friday and again came home complaining of a headache; that night fever set in. His fever never topped 102 degrees, but it was consistent there on out. Vomiting followed soon after and she noticed that his motor skills were off.

"Saturday morning we took him to the Emergency Room, but he was misdiagnosed because the symptoms mimic typical viruses," she said. When he didn't improve they took him to the Urgent Care center in Franklin where blood was drawn. Results indicated there was a high level of some sort of infection and they said it was likely somewhere near his head due to the consistent pain.

From Franklin they went to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville where a spinal tap was performed to both release pressure on his brain which had begun to swell and to test the spinal fluid. Ten days later La Crosse encephalitis was confirmed.

The boy stayed at Mission for five days and returned home to Highlands Saturday, Sept. 17.

He returned to half-days at school the week of Sept. 26 and began full days Oct. 3. Although the headaches are gone, his mom said he's extremely tired.

Stan Polanski, Physician Assistant at Macon County Public Health said the La Crosse encephalitis virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. "Many people infected with the La Crosse virus have no apparent symptoms, but some individuals, most often children under 16, will develop disease symptoms which may include fever, headache, nausea, and vomiting. Severe disease can develop involving encephalitis and can include seizures, coma, and paralysis. In rare cases, long-term disability or death can occur."

Because the La Crosse virus does not cause severe symptoms in most infected persons, it is difficult to estimate the number of infections occurring each year. Bruckner stated, "Many infected individuals do not know they are infected, and consequently never seek treatment or laboratory confirmation of infection." The number of La Crosse cases actually identified may vary from year to year depending upon weather impacts on mosquito population, preventive measures taken by the general population, and the age of individuals infected (more cases

• See LA CROSSE page 23

Champagne Public Open Houses

2 Great In-Town Homes!

Saturday, October 8 • 2pm-5pm



LEFT: Super SWEET 3BR/2BA Mirror Lake area cottage! Hardwood floors, open kitchen with fireplace, covered front porch and open deck that overlooks a rhododendron forest. \$349,000. • 101 Bruner Lane, Highlands.

***Directions:** Follow the signs from Foreman Road & U.S. 64 east, or call us with questions.*



RIGHT: Like new, 3BR/3BA condo with two, classic stone fireplaces. Private porch, open floor plan with beamed vaulted ceilings, hardwood flooring, granite, and custom treatments throughout. Prime location! \$775,000. • 20 Village Walk, Highlands.

***Directions:** Follow the signs from U.S. 64 east and Chestnut Street, or call us with questions.*

Both homes are an easy walk to Main Street shopping, dining & cultural offerings. Great rental potential!

Call Susie deVille Schiffler at (828) 371-2079 or Mal Phillips at (828) 200-2642 for more information.

WHITE OAK
REALTY GROUP

By Owner/Builder – LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE!



Completed in 2005. 4 bed, 3 1/2 bath with hot tub. Kitchen with workstation.
Climate Control = Gas Furnace, 2 Gas Log Fireplaces, 2 Heat Pumps.
Full Basement on 2 1/4+ acres with 600 ft. Creek Frontage.
10 minutes north of Dillard in North Carolina.
Call (828) 421-1028.

House in Scaly Lake Community



3 BEDROOM 2 BATH HOME WITH 2-CAR GARAGE, OFFICE, WALK-OUT BASEMENT IN PRIVATE GATED COMMUNITY THAT SURROUNDS A 17-ACRE LAKE. Offered for \$549,000 by Highlands Mountain Realty. Call Andrea Gabbard Owner/Broker 828-526-4858 for information.



WE GET THE WORD OUT!

5,000 copies on the streets each Thursday in Highlands, Cashiers, Lake Glenville, Sapphire, Scaly Mountain, Sky Valley, Dillard, Otto and Franklin. On the web at www.highlandsinfo.com Click Local News

• INVESTING AT 4,118 FT. •

The Importance of Proper Pricing

Let's go ahead and face the ugly truth. Our homes are not worth what they were four years ago. If we choose to sell, most of us probably won't make much, if any profit. We may even lose money. But, if we need or want to sell, we need to value our property realistically. You wouldn't expect to be able to sell stocks at an inflated price, so why do you think real property is any different?

Most homes sell at market value, which is the price at which a seller is willing to sell and an able and willing buyer is willing to buy. Generally, the market value is close to what similar homes have sold for within the past six months or year. A listing price, though subjective, can be determined by a comparative market analysis and an appraisal.

Pricing homes involves comparing similar properties, making adjustments for the



Elizabeth Salzarulo Harry Norman Realtors-Highlands, Owner
526-8300 • 342-5555

differences among them, tracking the movements in the market and consideration of the present inventory of homes for sale, in an attempt to come up with a range of value.

The CMA and appraisal are

an estimate of value, but the market will eventually dictate the price. The CMA completed by a Realtor should be right in line with the appraisal performed by licensed appraiser. Please don't fall into the trap of choosing an agent that suggests the highest list price, hopeful they can convince you to lower the price eventually. You will be the one who suffers.

Overpricing costs a seller money. Taxes, homeowner dues, utilities, insurance, and perhaps the cost of carrying a loan, add up. Also, consider the frustration and inconvenience of having your home linger on the market. More importantly, studies have shown that excitement and interest in a home wane after a few weeks, especially in a listings saturated climate like ours, so there are fewer buyers for the home when you eventually do lower the price.

Overpricing may affect the

price that a buyer ultimately offers to pay because it's not a new listing anymore. Your home will become a tired, stale listing that was overpriced for far too long. Price reductions tend to make a buyer wonder how much lower the price could drop and the buyer will often make a very low offer after a price reduction, thinking you have become desperate to sell your lazy asset.

The good news? Since January 1st of this year, 65 homes have been sold in Highlands, compared with 43 in the same period last year. Price it right and someone will get it sold!

• Elizabeth Salzarulo is the owner of Harry Norman, Realtors-Highlands, the exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate in Macon, Jackson and Transylvania Counties. She may be contacted at 828 342 5555.

• RE SNAP-SHOTS • VACATION RENTALS



FOXDALE COTTAGE — 2 Bedrooms + Convertible bed, 2 Baths (Sleeps 4-6). Rustic Chic just one mile to town! Two levels each with its own great room, kitchen, bedroom, bath and screened porch. Wi-Fi. Call 678-670-8782.



THE ROOST — 2 Bedrooms + Convertible bed, 2 Baths (Sleeps 4-6). Rustic Charmer with luxury furnishings! A stone's throw from Mirror Lake Screened porch, rear deck, stacked stone fireplace. Wi-Fi. Call 678-670-8782.



CABIN BASCOM — 2 bedrooms, 2 bath (Sleeps 4) Walk through the "Mahogany Doors" into your own world of natural beauty. Located at the head of the Greenway Trail near The Bascom Art Center. W-Fi. Open floor plan. Call 678-670-8782.



THE NEST — 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Secluded perch, 1 1/2 miles to Main Street! Two levels, each with living areas, two bedrooms and outdoor screened porch/deck. Wi-fi. Call Colleen Fogel, broker-in-charge at 828-200-0397.

• REAL ESTATE SNAP-SHOTS • Properties for Sale

Super deal!
Was \$600,000 now \$389,000!
MAKE OFFER!



5 bedroom, 4 bath on almost 2 acres with creek, pond, gazebo. R.V. barn. 4,000 sq.ft. finished, 2,000 sq.ft. basement/garage.

Call Becky Simmons at Cabe Realty (828)526-2475



Queen Mountain Home

Spectacular Mountain Views of Blue Valley & Satulah Mountains. 3BR, 3BA on 1.83+ acres and more! \$650,000. Betsy Paul Properties: 828.743.0880, www.betsypaulproperties.com



PRICE REDUCED \$50,000! Great family home. Four bedrooms, two baths. Large screened porch. Two-car carport. Now only \$289,000. Call Wally Keeble at Signature Properties. 828-526-4101 or 770-542-8393.



Exquisite Estate w/180 Degree Views. Pristine (3BR/4.5BA) main house w/bar area, screened porch, multi-level decking, fire pit, 30K gallon Koi pond. Adorable 2BR/1BA guest house. \$1,295,000. Contact Susie deVillie Schiffli at (828) 371-2079.



Mirror Lake Charmer. 3 BR/2BA, just a quick walk to Main Street or to the lake. \$349,000. **Public Open House on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 2-5pm.** 101 Bruner Lane, Highlands. Contact Susie deVillie Schiffli at (828) 371-2079.



Panoramic Mtn Views! This 3BR/2BA home is neat-as-a-pin & features wood-burning fireplace, granite counter tops, covered decking, and vaulted ceilings. Seller will consider any offer! \$270,000. Contact Susie deVillie Schiffli at (828) 371-2079.

New Home
Exceptional view lots
828-371-1870
Hardscrabblerridge.com



Understated, In-town Mountain Elegance. Untouched, pristine, gently sloping acreage; ridge view probable. Purchase entire legacy parcel for \$898,000 or one of two 4+ acre, estate-sized lots for \$485,000. Contact Mal Phillips at (828) 200-2642.



Bright Mountain, Glenville. REDUCED! Mtn home on 1.97+ gentle acres in a quiet setting featuring 2 bdrm home, 1 bdrm (as-is) guest cottage w/ kitchenette & workshop, \$187,000. Contact Ali McClure Moody (828) 508-3576.



Quintessential Mountain Get-Away. 3BR/3BA w/cathedral ceilings, wood floors & custom treatments throughout, 2 stone fireplaces & screened porch. \$775,000. **Public Open House on Saturday, October 8th from 2pm - 5pm.** 20 Village Walk, Highlands. Contact Mal Phillips at (828) 200-2642.



Retail Business, Highlands' Main Street. REDUCED! Begin w/existing inventory & hone it into your own sophisticated shopping destination. Includes inventory, equipment & most furnishings. \$70,000 (Business Only). Contact Ali McClure Moody at (828) 508-3576.



Get It While It's Hot! Highlands Falls Country Club w/views of #1 fairway, two ponds & mountain range. Cathedral ceilings; remodeled & upgraded. \$698,000. Contact Mal Phillips at (828) 200-2642.



Scaly Mountain Serene Paradise. 3 BR/ 2 BA on 8.72+ lush acres, grand stone fireplace, artists' loft, landscaped gardens & great rustic details. \$795,000. Contact Ali McClure Moody at (828) 508-3576.



Reduced to \$199,000!
60 OWL PINE, HIGHLANDS. Was \$249,900. Adorable furnished chalet only 2 miles to Main Street. 3/2 wextra parking. Call Tammy Mobley, Broker, Highlands NC Realty. 770-337-1000. www.HighlandsNC.info



Reduced to \$719,000!
91 BEARFOOT LANE, HIGHLANDS. Custom 3/3.5 with majestic mountain views, stone fireplace, 2 large decks and 4 miles to Main Street! Call Tammy Mobley, Broker, Highlands NC Realty. 770-337-1000. www.HighlandsNC.info



Perfect mountain family home or corporate compound. Owners are willing to consider an exchange. Owner financing to a qualified buyer and furnishings may be purchased. Blue Valley views in back; Whiteside Mountain view in front. Membership to HCC is available. Reduced to \$4.9 million. Call Pam Taylor, Country Club Properties. 828-342-6988, 828-526-9027 or 828-526-2520.



Priced to sell. 5.2 acres with private 1/2-acre lake in Historic Webbsmont. \$525,000. Call Pam Taylor, Country Club Properties. 828-342-6988, 828-526-9027 or 828-526-2520.

Q & A with Town Board candidates – Part 1 (of 5)

Each week in October and the first week in November we will be asking the candidates a question. The first question: Tell us a little about yourself and why you want to be a Town Commissioner?



John Dotson

John Dotson:

I was blessed 36 years ago to have met and married my wonderful wife Mary here in Highlands. After moving away and pursuing a successful career in Professional Photography, we had the opportunity in 1986 to move back to Highlands.

We have two beautiful and talented daughters who were raised in Highlands, attended Highlands School and have since graduated from Wake Forest and Elon universities. They are both professionals living and working in Raleigh.

I have been involved in business - in Highlands - for the past 22 years. I have seen the town go



Eric Pierson



Larry Rogers

through changes and growing pains. Thankfully most of those changes have been for the betterment of the town and its citizens. Watching plans grow from inception to fruition, success and sometimes failure is a great teacher.

It has been an honor and pleasure to have served for the past four years on the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Highlands. Prior to my election to the Town Board, I also served on the Zoning Board and Appearance Commission for the Town of Highlands.

Four years ago I felt Highlands was headed in directions that were not in the best interests of either



Michael Rogers



Brian Stiehler

the town or it's citizens. With the input of citizens of Highlands to guide me, I felt then, as now, that I can help make a difference.

Eric Pierson:

My family has been a part of the Highlands community for generations, so subsequently I was born and raised here. I am married to my wife Katherine and have two children Cayden and Croft. I am self-employed, working in construction, land development and project management.

I served on the Town of Highlands Planning Board and Appearance Commission for seven years and I served eight years on the Macon County Planning Board. I am currently serving on the Town of Highlands Zoning Board and ABC Board. I have also been a member of Highlands Fire and Rescue for 16

years.

With such deep roots in Highlands, I would like to enact the experiences of my work and service on these various boards to help the town grow and continue to be a great place to raise a family and to bring perspective back to the decisions being made for the Town.

Michael David Rogers:

I am the son of Larry and Genevieve Rogers and a native Highlander. I graduated from Highlands School and I'm married to my high school sweetheart Tina Rogers. We are the proud parents of two college students. My oldest daughter Maggie will be graduating this December from Western Carolina and my youngest daughter Courtney is a Freshman attending Southwestern Community College.

I have owned and operated my own construction company for the last 25 years. I am running for the Town Commissioner because I love this town and feel we need to be pursuing other avenues to bring people to our town on a year-round basis. I feel we need to help each

other as this economy is rough and we need to work together to bring prosperity back to our community. I am especially passionate about preserving our beautiful town and our ecosystem in which we live.

Brian Stiehler:

I moved to Highlands 11 years ago after graduating from Penn State University and accepting the position as Assistant Superintendent at Highlands CC. In 2004, I became the Golf Course Superintendent. I am married to my wife, Hilary, who is Treasurer of the Highlands School PTO and have a 6-year-old daughter, Anna.

I am President of Leadership Highlands, President Elect of both the Rotary Club of Highlands and the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. I serve on the boards of The Literacy Council, J-MCA and the Macon County Economic Development Commission (EDC). In addition to this, I have chaired the Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament the past two years.

I am an effective leader and manager, overseeing an annual bud-

get in excess of \$1.5 million and leading a staff of 20 employees at Highlands CC. In the free time I do have, I enjoy fly fishing and golf as well as learning and exploring with my daughter.

When we moved to Highlands, I had no idea it would become a permanent move. I love this town and it is the people who make it this special. I want to become a commissioner to add positive energy to the town board and be a voice of the Highlands people. I am a great supporter of our town employees and will continue to be so. Town Politics requires reasonable people who came make reasonable decisions based on what is best for Highlands. It is about representing the people who elect the commissioners. We all inherited a gift in Highlands because of past leadership and we need to continue making good decisions so our town can grow in sustainable and healthy directions.

• Larry Rogers is recovering from a recent stroke and will be in subsequent Q&As.



2011

The Shop at The Bascom

**Enjoy Early Holiday Shopping
Before Leaving the Plateau!**

Hand Created by Regional Artists

Pottery

Textiles

Jewelry

Wood

Glass

Basketry

Art Books

and more

Unique and one-of-a-kind!



Monday-Saturday, 10 am-5pm
Sundays, 12 noon- 5 pm

Highlands, NC
TheBascom.org
828.526.4949

Eliminate Mold, Mildew, & Radon Immediately!

828-743-0900

www.drycrawlspaces.com

Dry Crawl Spaces

Crawl Space Encapsulation System®

Highlands Area Upcoming Events

PULL OUT

Tools in Motion at The Bascom through December 23rd



Still Life by Henryk Fantazos, pictured, is part of The Bascom's *Tools in Motion* exhibition, organized from the Hechinger Collection of International Arts and Artists. Washington, DC. For more information on The Bascom, visit www.TheBascom.org or call 828.526.4949.

The Bascom is hosting *Tools in Motion: Works from the Hechinger Collection*, a traveling exhibition organized by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC, featuring 20th century art that celebrates repetition and motion in common, everyday tools and hardware. Tools in Motion will be on view in the Main Gallery at The Bascom through December 23.

The exhibition features 50 witty and light-hearted works based on familiar forms - hammers, saws and wrenches - transformed into art of great imaginative power using materials including wood, glass, metal, paper and stone. The artists in the exhibition range from emerging to world renowned, including notable figures such as Arman, Jim Dine, Claes Oldenburg and Jacob Lawrence.

Spanning a wide range of styles, the collection and exhibition honor the dignity of everyday tools, where form and function are inextricably linked. The abundance of bright colors and vivid textures are enjoyable for visitors of all ages.

The works for *Tools in Motion* were

selected from a collection originally owned by the late hardware-industry pioneer John Hechinger Sr., whose father started the Hechinger hardware chain in 1911. Hechinger began collecting contemporary art related to tools to display around the company's headquarters to inspire his employees.

Tools in Motion was organized from the Hechinger Collection of International Arts and Artists. Washington, DC. The Bascom's *Tools in Motion* exhibition is sponsored by The Alma Lee and H.N. Saurage Fund, Baton Rouge Area Foundation; Fay and Barrett Howell; Marsha and English Robinson; and Valerie and Peter Whitcup.

The Bascom is open year-round - Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 pm. Enjoy workshops, exhibitions, special events and quality programs throughout the year at The Bascom. For more information, to register for these and other Bascom workshop offerings or for more details on all Bascom activities, visit www.TheBascom.org or call 828.526.4949

Daily

- CORE classes at Mountain Fitness on Carolina Way. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9:30; Mon., Wed., Thurs., 5:15. \$10 per class or ask about specials. Call 526-9083. (st. 6/9)

Mon-Fri

- The Nantahala Tennis Club meets at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

Mon., Wed. & 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.; 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (9/29)

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 off beers all day.

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.

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

• See EVENTS page 18

B.E.A.R. Talk...Hiking and Camping in Black Bear Country

It has been well publicized that many camp sites in the Smokies have been closed this year due to bear problems. Since there is a chance of having a bear visit your camp site (less so meeting one on the trail), hikers and campers need to be well informed and properly outfitted before they hit the trail.

The B.E.A.R. Task Force invites the public to attend their B.E.A.R. Talk...Hiking and Camping in Black Bear Country on Oct. 11th, 5:30 pm at the Albert Carlton Community Library in Cashiers. Tanya Poole of the NC Wildlife Resource Commission will be the speaker. Ms. Poole has been with the Resource Commission for 7 ½ years and is currently working on her Master of Science degree in Environmental Education. Her Master's thesis is: The Effects of Educational Strategies on Black Bear-Human Conflicts.

Come explore with Ms. Poole the fascinating life of black bears in Western North Carolina and discover what they are up

to during different seasons of the year. Learn how to be well prepared while camping and hiking in bear country; what and what not to bring, proper reaction when encountering a bear, effective camping techniques, and understanding bear behavior.

B.E.A.R.'s mission is to provide educational opportunities and resources to promote peaceful coexistence between humans and bears. Watch for other programs in coming months.



Fall into Shopping Highlands!



College Days at
The Christmas
Tree!



212 S. 4th Street, Highlands
526-3687

4th St. Boutique



Register for our
Gift Certificate Give-Away!
Drawing Nov. 11, 2011

Comfortable Clothing
for Women

Owner Linda Bubenick,
formerly of Village Boutique

526-8878

219 S. 4th St. ...on the hill

Greenleaf Gallery

and Custom Picture Framing

Robert Tino Art



Artwork, furniture and
accessories, hand-crafted
pottery, jewelry & more.

828-526-9333

211 S. 4th St., Highlands

www.GreenleafGalleryGifts.com

Fall Boot Sale!



S. 4th Street
526-4473

In Mountain Brook
Center
411 N. 4th Street
526-5114



Reed Family Linens
400 • 600 • 1000 ct.
Sateen Sheets
Pacific Coast Feather Pillows,
Comforters & Down Blankets
Comforter Sets
Throws
Bed Spreads,
Coverlets, Spa Robes, Towels
and much more!

CROCS • GRAMICCI • MERRELL • MINNETONKA • AVENTURA • CAMELBAK • LOLÉ • TEVA

**Come See
Our New
Fall Items!**

**BEAR MOUNTAIN
OUTFITTERS**

MEN • WOMEN • KIDS
CASUAL CLOTHING • ACTIVE WEAR
ACCESSORIES • BACKPACKS

HUNDREDS OF
SANDAL, SHOE AND BOOT STYLES

"We Outfit You for Life"

Mon-Thur 10-5, Fri Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5 • 828-526-5784
Corner of Main and 3rd St. • Highlands, N.C. bearmountainoutfitters@dnnet.net

MOUNTAINSMITH • AETREX • BORN • TOMS • TIMBERLAND • SMARTWOOL • WOOLRICH • JAMBU

CLARKS • EARTH • CHACO • FIT FLOP • KÜHL • PRIMO • SPERRY • VIBRAM FIVE FINGERS • SOFTSPOTS • MARMOT



is celebrating its 19th
year in Highlands!

So far, 2011 has been our
BEST YEAR EVER!

If you want to find out why,
stop in for a visit.

We sell Ladies Clothing
most at 20%-90% off.

Our Back Room is filled
with clothing for men and
women from
50% to 90% off.

Open 7 days a week.

Stop in and let us save you
some CASH!

Jolie's ...

Highlands Fun Place to Shop!
446 Main Street ... 828.526.3963

Fall into Shopping Highlands!



Polo

Ralph Lauren

Classic Tradition 20% OFF!



338 Main St. • 526-4777

Donna Salyers
Fabulous Furs
Trunk Show

October 13 - 16

Come experience the
finest in faux furs!



Lulu Bleu

the boutique

326 Main Street | 828-482-

4375



The
Highlands
Insulated
Tumbler
Back by
Popular
Demand!

- Exclusive Highlands Design!
- 4 Sizes & an Ice Bucket



The Dry Sink

450 Main Street Highlands, NC

Mon - Sat 10a - 5p, Sun 1 - 5p

828-526-5226 www.thedrysink.com



**Classic
Preppy...
not a
trend,
but a
lifestyle!**

Britt Ryan • Eileen Fisher
Molly B • Nic and Zoe
Skirtin Around • Tyler Boe
Vineyard Vines
Vera Bradley

Wit's End

A Highlands tradition since 1940
Our 71st. season on Main Street

Monday-Saturday • 10-5
828-526-3160



273 Spring Street
just behind Reeves hardware

828.482.2279

threebearskids@aol.com

we ship - visa - mc - amx - disc



APPAREL

FALL SALE!!

- New Shipment of Michael Stars - Take \$5 Off!
- Select Heels & Boots \$26-\$29
- All reg. priced jeans \$20 Off!
- (Citizen, 7's Hudson, and Joes)
- Select Coats \$49-\$79
- Free People 10-50% Off!
- Fall Scarves \$19

355 Main Street (in The Galax Theatre)
526-4660

**Mountain
Rarities**

Always
quality,
Always
affordable.

**Storewide
SALE**

Gems,
apparel &
more!

326A Main Street
Highlands
828-526-8244

Highlands Area Upcoming Events

PULL OUT

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 meets at 1 p.m. at the Hudson Library on Thursdays. Free writing exercises. Bring a seven-minute writing piece to read. Newcomers are welcome. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

- At the Highlands Nature Center, 6-7 p.m. through Labor Day, an exciting new program each week and they are free.

Every Saturday

- Ruka's Wine Tastings from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. 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.

Wed., Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

- At Coweeta Baptist Church. "Family Financial Planning Seminar at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Light super at 6 p.m. Prayer time at 7:30. RSVP by Oct. 1. It's free.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

- Art & Fashion for Fur – a fundraiser for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. 7-10 p.m. at Jorge's Place in Cashiers. Tickets are \$35 in advance available at Jorge's Place and Gallery on the Green in Cashiers. For more call 828-743-5752.

- JMCA Composting and Vermicomposting Free Seminar will be at the Cashiers Library on Wednesday from 2-4pm.

Thursday, Oct. 6

- Taize at the Highlands United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m.

- DANCE at the Franklin (NC) Community Building, Hwy 441 South-across from "Whistle Stop Mall" Thursday from 6:30 to 9 PM. Last dance OF season Music by "SWINGTIME BAND." For more information Call 828-369-9155.

Friday, Oct. 7

- The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night, October 7th, at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South at 6:30 to 7 PM. Ricky Simpson from Martin, GA will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be a Plus Workshop from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-524-4930, 828-524-2280

Saturday, Oct. 8

- Highlands Farmer's Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, 8-11 a.m. Homegrown and home-made.

- Obagi Healthy Skin Open House and Jane Iredale Mineral Make-up Consultation at the Center for Plastic Surgery – Dr. Robert Buchanan – 209 Hospital Drive, Suite 202. 20% off Obagi and Jane Iredale products during the event!

- Flu shot vaccine against three strains of flu including H1N1 at K-Mart in Franklin, 10 am -2 p.m. OK for everyone 6 months and older. The cost is \$25. the public health center will bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Crescent, Medicaid and Tricare so take cards with you to the clinic.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 6-mile loop trail with an elevation change of 600 ft. to Black Balsam Knob off the Blue Ridge Parkway. Meet at the Bi Lo parking area in Franklin at 9 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Drive 120 miles round trip. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

- Highlands Arts & Crafts Show at the Rec Park from 9-5. Sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and Highlands Recreation Dept. Freshers Eatery will have breakfast and lunch available. Free admission and free parking.

Mon., Oct. 10

- Physician Forum at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Board certified Gynecologist, Dr. James Smallwood presents "Women's Health- The Well Rounded Woman." 12 noon to 1 pm on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, hospital campus. *Attendees will have the opportunity to learn the latest information regarding preventive medical treatments and screenings with an emphasis on breast and ovarian health. Please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org.*

- Ruka's Beer Dinners- 5 course meal/ \$35

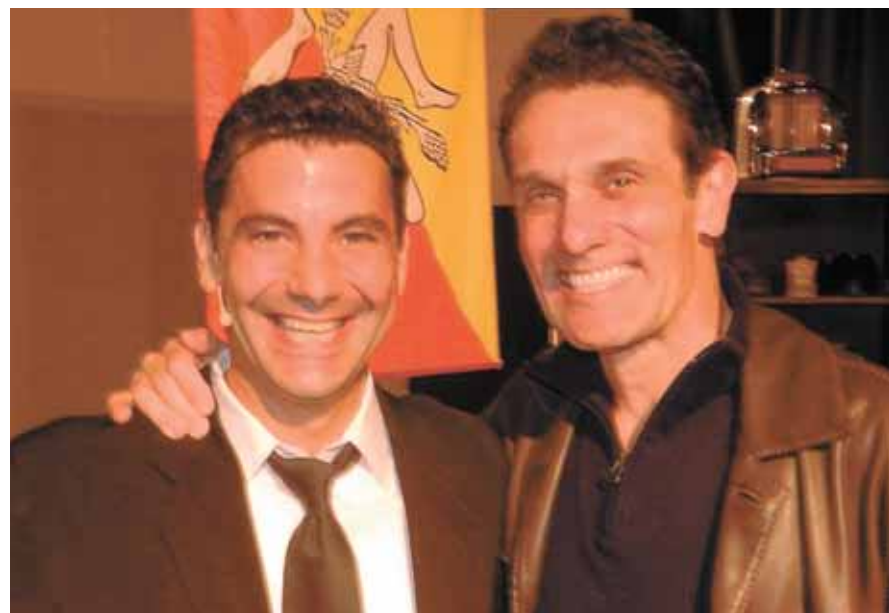
• See EVENTS page 19

Shop for Christmas at Highlands Arts & Crafts Show this Saturday at the Rec Park



On Saturday, Oct. 8, you can find Beth Crisp at Highlands Arts & Craft Show at the Rec Park where she and 100 other home-grown and home-made enthusiasts will be selling their bounty. Crisp is featuring Chow Chow relish and other home-made condiments made from local berries and vegetables. She has resurrected her grandmother Elizabeth Edwards' recipes from the old Condiment Shop. The show is 9-5. It's free and there's plenty of parking. Breakfast and lunch available.

'Hear What's in the Heart' runs through Sunday at the Playhouse – Don't miss it!



Veteran actors Steve Scionti and Anthony Crivello, star and director of "Hear What's in the Heart" on stage at the Highlands Playhouse through Sunday are receiving standing ovations! It's a show not to miss! For tickets call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 526-2695.

... EVENTS continued from page 18

per person/ Reservations required. Bell's Brewery.

Tues., Oct. 11

• B.E.A.R. Talk – Hiking and Camping in Bear Country, Albert Carlton Community Library, Cashiers. 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 12

• Flu shot vaccine against three strains of flu including H1N1 at Otto Community Building from 4-6 p.m. OK for everyone 6 months and older. The cost is \$25. the public health center will bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Crescent, Medicaid and Tricare so take cards with you to the clinic.

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 13-16

• Whistle Stop Flea Market temporary location (one weekend ONLY) on the Highlands Road/ US 441 Bypass, Franklin. Across from Sleep USA.

Friday, Oct. 14

• Laugh Loudly and Carry a Big Stick: J-MCA presents Theodore Roosevelt in Highlands, NC at the Performing Arts Center. Box office opens at 5:30 pm, the 90 minute show begins at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person. For tickets and more information call 828-526-0890 ext. 320 or Buy tickets online at www.j-mca.org.

• Flu shot vaccine against three strains of flu including H1N1 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's Jane Woodruff Building, 1-4 p.m. OK for everyone 6 months and older. The cost is \$25. the public health center will bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Crescent, Medicaid and Tricare so take cards with you to the

clinic.

• The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin's, "An Event For All Seasons Performance Series" will present "Raindrop Waltz" written by UUFF member Gary Carden on Friday at 6 PM. Performance begins at 6:00 PM. An intermission at mid-point will offer refreshments in Celebration Hall. Child-care provided. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds from the event will support the UUFF Scholarship Fund. Call 828-524-3161, 524-8658 or 524-6777 to reserve tickets.

Sat., & Sun, Oct 15-16

• The Art League of Highlands Fall Colors show will open Friday at noon-6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This much anticipated show will feature Regional artists presenting all original work, there will be art projects for children and general fun for all

Saturday, Oct. 15

• Pour Le Pink 5-K Walk/Run for Breast Health and Women's Services - organized by the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation, a new 5-K beginning and ending on the campus of the hospital. Funds raised will go toward maintaining HCH's state-of-the-art equipment as well as financial aid for HCH patients. The event begins at 8am, fun walk begins at 8:15am and is open to male/female runners and walkers, all ages. Pre-registration is \$20, if received by Sept. 29th, and \$30 thereafter. To register, become a sponsor, or for additional race details please visit www.highlandscashiershospital.org or call (828) 526-1313. The race is being organized with assistance by Highlands Roadrunners Club

• Salons & Spas •

Images Unlimited Salon

225 Spring Street • Highlands

Color, Cuts, Highlights, Perms
~ Manicures - Pedicures ~
~ Acrylics & Gel Enhancements ~

Call for your Appointment Today!

828-526-9477



Color, Cuts, Up Do's, Highlights, Massage, Facials, Manicures, Pedicures, Reflexology, Personal Training

OPEN: Tues. - Sat. • Monday by appt.

Located behind Highlands Decorating Center
on Highway 106 (The Dillard Rd)

NC LMBT #1429

(828) 526-4192



Creative Concepts Salon, Inc.

549 East Main Street "Falls on Main"
Highlands, NC (828) 526-3939

Walk-Ins Welcome!

Open at 9-5: Monday - Saturday
Owner/Stylist: Lacy Jane Vilardo,

Stylist: Heather D. Escandon,

Stylist: Christa Hooper,

Massage Therapist: Betsy Phillips

Now offering Feather extensions!



DUTCHMANS

"Transforming Your House into a Home"

Annual Fall Furniture SALE!

All Wood Furniture – 50% OFF

Everyday on Main Street and

Saturday 10a-4p & Sunday 11a-4p at the Warehouse

at Meadows Storage on Cherrywood Drive (US 64 east) past the hospital

Open Year Round

342 Main Street • Highlands, NC • 828-526-8864



DUTCHMANS CASUAL LIVING

Become a Fan Today!

www.DutchmansDesigns.com

• Specialty Foods •



Rosewood Market

Gourmet
to Go &
Catering

526-0383



Tuesday-Saturday • 11-6

Next to D&J Express Mart at Main & 3rd streets
Also home to Wedding Designs³

Gourmet Sauces & Spices



- Home chef supplies
- Kitchenware
 - Dinner Settings
- Accessories



Open Mon - Saturday • 10am to 5pm

450 Main Street Highlands, NC 828-526-5226

Whole Life Market

Stop by and see our wide selection of

- Local Organic Produce,
- Specialty Gourmet Foods, Quality Supplements, Organic Body Care,
- Natural Health Books & References, & Local Hand-Crafted Gifts.

"For a Healthier Life"

On the Corner of Foreman Rd. & Hwy. 64E

Monday-Friday 10 am - 5:30 pm

Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm

Call 526-5999

... WOOLDRIDGE continued from page 4

ter in McDuffie's death and one officer for second-degree murder. Tensions between blacks and the police were at their maximum so the trial was moved to another city. Anger filled the streets of Miami.

When all the officers were found not guilty, a protest started and in a short time, a full riot developed. Parts of the city were set afire and firefighters and the police were being fired on by snipers. First, rioters looted all the stores in their neighborhood. Then they burned their groceries, their gas stations, their schools....everything. Why don't blacks ever burn the white neighborhoods? Dumb, dumb, dumb!

The next day I was ordered to take a SWAT team to the Miami airport and pick up Benjamin Hooks, President of the NAACP. We escorted him and his entourage to the Fontainebleau Hotel on Miami Beach. He had come to speak to the rioters and quell the unrest.

After treating my team to a sumptuous and very expensive dinner in a private dining room at the hotel, we headed for his penthouse suite on the top floor. We searched the floor and I posted guards. When the floor was secure, Hooks and I walked out on the wraparound penthouse

balcony. He poured himself a scotch and offered me one. I smiled and refused.

Lighting a cigar, he said, "I guess you don't smoke either."

I smiled again, "No, Sir."

Looking west from the penthouse balcony, we stared across Biscayne Bay and the burning city. Without looking at me, Hooks spoke softly, "You see all that violence, all that waste....all that burning? None of that has anything to do with the injustice of the black people. They're just a bunch of hoodlums taking advantage of an unfortunate situation. Those people don't give a damn about Arthur McDuffie or the plight of the black people."

I was stunned Hooks would admit that fact. He was right but I was shocked he was admitting to the truth. What always starts off to be a just cause turns quickly into a riot with people looting and burning their own groceries, churches, gas stations and department stores.

"About tomorrow, sir," I said, turning to face him. "I'm concerned about tomorrow. If things don't improve by morning, you may have to cancel your rally at the park."

"Everything will be just fine, Commander. I'll see you at 10 and we'll be just fine. You wait and see. Those are my people," Hooks confidently responded.

The next morning, a small army of squad cars and three SWAT teams headed for a small park in Overtown. I rode in Hook's limo so I could be in radio contact with my protection team. It seemed that every citizen was firing his weapon into the air. The city was thick with smoke. Firemen could not keep up and many buildings just burned down. As our small contingent of vehicles turned onto NE 5th Street, a chair was thrown from an upper window and hit Hook's limo. He was visibly shaken.

As we approached the park where Hooks would give his speech, we were stopped by two Miami SWAT teams in armored SWAT trucks. They told us the park was volatile and an extremely dangerous

place to venture into. They strongly recommended we not enter. I'll never forget the look on Ben Hook's face....the disappointment that he would not be able to help.

We returned to the hotel and several hours later headed for the airport. Overtown continued to burn for another three days and the gunfire only ceased when its citizens ran out of bullets.

Soooo, excuse me if I don't give a tinker's damn about the rights of the Libyan people and the injustice forced on them. I would suggest that most of the so call "freedom fighters" are just a bunch of thugs who are out to kill, plunder and loot what they can.

The media assigned to Libya never showed us the looting and burning. In the beginning I'm sure a handful of Libyans really cared about killing Gaddafi and changing their government. But in time, like most riots, were replaced with terrorists with a hidden agenda, coupled with local hoodlums who just want to plunder and loot.

Maybe if they fire enough rounds into the air, everyone will be found dead with holes in the top of their heads, a just reward for their stupidity. Libya is not changing for the good. It's just changing hoodlums.

• **Deceived**, a mystery/thriller, would make a great Christmas present. Pick it up at Shakespeare's book store, the book nook at The Toy Store or Chapter Two in Cashiers.

on this day ...

Oct 4, 2010

A beer and an appropriate container for drinking in zero gravity has been developed for the anticipated boom in space tourism.

In our journey to the stars, we'll need something to stock our bars.

For those who visit space station, they will soon enjoy their favorite libation,

yes, even on a space craft, there's not much atmosphere, but there is a draught,

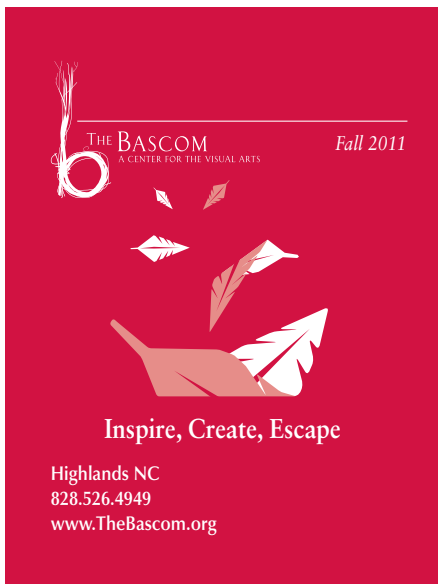
the passengers and crew can be served an ice cold brew, for the purpose of brevity,

I'll just say they have cause for levity, in an orbit that is geo-synchronous, we'll have something for drinking,

thus when, in rotation, we're sort of at the tops,

astro tourists can indulge in a glass with hops.

— from The History Guy



American Upholstery

- Residential or Commercial
- Over 40 Years Experience
 - Fast & Dependable
 - Free Estimates
 - Free Pick-up & Delivery



(864) 638-9661 • Open: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Oi! Tudo Bem? – Part 1

By Hayden Bates

For the past 16 years, I have called the mountains of western North Carolina home, but in mid-August I embarked on a 10-month journey as a Rotary Exchange Student to Para De Minas, Brazil. I boarded my flight in Atlanta bound for Brazil, leaving behind my family, friends and everything familiar. I was both anxious for the many unknowns that I would encounter and eager to embrace this new experience.

Over the course of the past six weeks, I have already learned a tremendous amount about the Minas Gerais region of Brazil, the Portuguese language, Brazilian culture and certainly, myself. In the months to come I look forward to sharing my experiences with you. So here's how the story begins...

The state of Minas Gerais is located in the southeastern region of Brazil, several hundred miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro. The capital of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, is the third largest city in Brazil with population of about four million. This region is famous for its friendly people, mountains, coffee and cheese. I live in the city of Para De Minas, located only an hour away from Belo and significantly larger than my two stoplight home town. I have adjusted to falling asleep to the city lights, noises of honking horns and the occasional fireworks show. I am learning to embrace city life, and I am quickly falling in love with Para De Minas.

Brazilians are incredible people. As evidence of their warm and welcoming nature, Brazilian people greet even strangers with kisses; the handshake is a foreign and awkward concept here. During the next year I will live with four different host families; the first of which is the Machado family. The Machados, like most Brazilians, are very kind, lively and simply wonderful. My Father, Ronaldo, works for the government, and my mom, Regina, is a Biology teacher at a local High School and owns a small clothing store. There is never a dull moment here and I enjoy the constant energy of my three siblings: sister, Rachel (12), and two brothers Pedro (16) and Joao Paulo (11). It seems that everyone here is a "cousin" or "aunt." You can imagine my initial confusion. Family is very important here, and we all enjoy sharing lunch, the main meal of the day. Lunch is traditionally a base of rice and beans, with fresh fruit and vegetables and "unique" varieties of meat (such as pig's snout).

I attend Colegio Berlaar, a coed, Roman Catholic School. Colegio Berlaar instructs ages 4 to 18 with a total of about 300 students. My class, equivalent to the junior year in the US, includes 20 students. My first day at this new school was evidence of the welcoming and energetic nature of Brazilians. Classes effectively ceased on that first day as I was bombarded with numerous questions from excited classmates. In broken Portuguese I quickly learned to explain that, "No, I have not met any famous celebrities. And yes, I naturally have light brown hair and green eyes" (both traits are quite uncommon here). I have quickly made many new friends, and I am pleased to report that I feel less and less like the foreign exchange student. After a few weeks of classes, a friend of mine told me with great assurance, "Hayden, I've decided you aren't an American exchange student, you are a Brazilian from America." I took this as a huge compliment.

During the past month, I have learned that Portuguese is a very difficult language. The first week here I drank an inordinate amount of water, thinking that my headaches were due to dehydration. Instead, I now realize the headaches were the result of a mild yet constant state of language induced brain knots.

The Minas region is famous for abbreviating words; or as one person explained, "Individuals from Minas enjoy 'eating' their words." While Portuguese is a constant challenge, people here are very helpful and patient. I quickly learned essential words like "Obrigada" (thank you) and "Prazer" (it's nice to meet you) and I continue to use them often. Throughout the past month I have perfected my acting skills and have learned to laugh and smile a lot, even when making embarrassing mistakes.

Brazilians are very passionate and energetic people. They adore soccer and the associated rivalries are quite serious. Greetings are often followed by questions of soccer allegiances; I have yet to decide mine.

My first encounter with soccer rivalries was at my first presentation to the local Rotary Club just one week after I had arrived. I had prepared a short introduction about myself in Portuguese and was looking over my notes when a cute, elderly man approached me. He offered to help with my notes for my presentation, and, considering my limited Portuguese, I happily accepted this seemingly innocent offer. I practiced my speech with his new corrections and headed up to the podium. The presentation went smoothly until I began to describe my interests. Thinking I said, "I love playing soccer," I was baffled when the crowd erupted into both joyous applause and adamant disputes. It was chaos. I looked to the old man who had earlier helped me, and a child-like grin spread across his face. It was later explained to me that I had unknowingly said I loved a specific soccer team, causing both cheers and fury from the crowd. I quickly learned that soccer rivalries are very real and to be wary of sneaky old men.

While Brazilians enjoy soccer, it is a sport rarely played by girls. I am blessed to have a girls' soccer team at my school that I joined soon after I arrived. We recently traveled eight hours by bus to compete with several rival schools in a three-day championship. By the time we reached the finals, the stands of the indoor stadium were packed with hundreds of fans and the place reverberated with chanting, drums and singing. After a very close game, we won the final match 2-1! The celebration was an experience like no other.

Like soccer, music and dancing are enjoyed by everyone here. Whether it be car rides, around the house, or at a party, there is always reason for joyous (and loud) celebration. The weekends here are very fun, and I have often wondered about the seemingly unlimited source of Brazilian energy. Most events begin around 10 PM and continue until dawn.

Throughout the past month I have learned to have a greater dependence on God in the inevitable challenges I face, and I appreciate my immense blessings more deeply than ever before. I am also very appreciative of the prayers and support from back home. I have learned a lot during the past month. Most of all, I love my new home, family and friends in Para De Minas, and I'm excited to share my experiences with you in the months ahead.

Tchau for now.

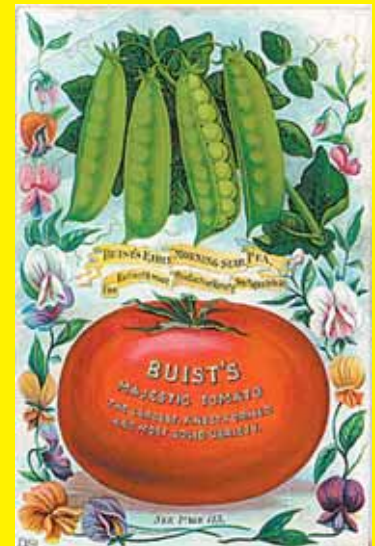


Hayden's school class in Para De Minas, Brazil.



Her host family, the Machados from left: Rachel, Ronaldo, Regina, and Joao Paulo and Pedro.

The
Highlands Farmers Market
Saturday, Oct. 8
8-11 a.m.



Kelsey-Hutchinson Park
at Pine Street
in Highlands
"Home-grown & Hand-made"

• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •
with Ryan Potts

Highlanders continue to roll

While it may have taken a few games for the Highlands Highlanders varsity soccer team to adjust to the loss of several seniors from last year's historic season, the current group of Highlanders is making their own way just fine. This week saw the Highlanders go 3-0 and continue to improve on an impressive record.

Wednesday, the Highlanders hosted primary conference rival Hayesville in what was an important SMC matchup. Hayesville came ready to play, and capitalized on yet another slow start from the

Highlanders to take an early 1-0 lead. However, junior striker Dax Lloyd came up huge for the Highlanders, scoring the first of his four goals to equalize the Yellow Jackets. Clayton Creighton and Tyler Munger both added goals for the Highlanders, who awoke from their early slumber to outscore the Yellow Jackets 6-1 the rest of the way for a 6-2 victory. "This was a big win for us," said senior captain Isaac Beavers. "We got down early again, but this time we really used our passing well and came back strong. We put Kenan (Lewis) on their strik-

er and managed to slow him down and that helped us clean it up defensively."

Friday, the Highlanders traveled to Talulah Falls to face the Indians in what was a dominating 3-0 victory. Highlanders received goals from Beavers, Munger and Lloyd and goalkeeper Cody St. Germain provided the clean sheet for the Highlanders in victory.

Monday, the Highlanders continued their road trip, traveling to Andrews to face the Wildcats in another SMC matchup. Highlander strikers Lloyd and Temba Lama

ran wild against the Wildcats back line, with Lama scoring 3 goals and Lloyd scoring 2 in the 5-0 victory. "It was a good win," said Highlander coach Chris Green. "It is tough to play on a Monday and travel 90 minutes, but the kids were able to get it together enough for us to hold them and get a victory."

The Highlanders will host Murphy today at 6PM at the Highlands School field, so be sure to come out help our opponents "Fear the Skirt."



The Art League of Highlands

Presents

"Fall Colors Art Show"

Fine Art Show

Friday, Oct. 14: 12-6
Saturday, Oct. 15: 10-5

Talented Artists Over 50 Local & Regional Artists
Great Prices on Original Art-

Hands-On
Children's Art Room

Saturday, ONLY

Highlands Recreation Center
Highway 64 Towards Cashiers

2011 Highlands Girls Golf Team



Wildcat Cliffs Country Club is gracious enough to host the home golf matches and allow the girls to practice after school. Two of the girls will be going to Regionals to compete. Pictured are Coach Barbara Reese, Bella Lupoli, Mary Gillan Renfro, Rebekah Parks, Emily Gabbard, Stephanie Smart, and Golf Pro Kevin Gabbard.

Intersession PSAT at Highlands School

October 10-12 8am-11:30am
Science Annex of Highlands School
(Mrs. Holt's room)

Cost \$15

Make Checks Payable to:
Highlands School

October 10th:
Verbal Practice, Test Taking Strategies
October 11th:
Math Practice, Test Anxiety Workshop

October 12th:
Test Administration
NOTE:

**Open to Highlands High School
(9th-11th grade) students until Sept. 23rd
then remaining seats will be open to
Homeschool Students.**

Homeschool kids will need to call the school for availability starting Sept 26th.
They need to attend all 3 days.

... LA CROSSE continued page 11

of La Crosse are identified in children because infected children are more likely to exhibit symptoms than infected adults).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most recent cases of La Crosse encephalitis have occurred in the southeast and mid-Atlantic areas of the United States. Between 1964 and 2010, there were 237 confirmed cases documented in NC, with nearly all of those cases occurring in the western part of the state. The virus is transmitted through the bite of the eastern treehole mosquito. This mosquito lays its eggs in tree holes and man-made containers and it typically bites during the daytime hours.

Because there is no vaccine or specific anti-viral treatment for La Crosse infection, Mr. Bruckner emphasized that prevention is the best way to avoid infection with the La Crosse virus. Bruckner encouraged the use of insect repellent and elimination of mosquito breeding grounds as a first line of defense.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends several repellents against mosquitoes - DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535. According to the CDC, oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years old. Consumers should look for products that contain the CDC-recommended ingredients, and should read and follow all label instructions. In addition, the following advice should be followed for elimination of mosquito breeding grounds:

1. Use "mosquito dunks" in ponds and other bodies of shallow standing water. These dunks are available at home improvement and most farm and garden centers.

2. Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.

3. Drain all sources of standing water. At least once or twice a week, empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, bird baths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels, and cans.

4. Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.

5. Remove discarded tires that could collect water.

6. Be sure to check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.

Questions regarding mosquito transmitted diseases may be directed to the Macon County Public Health at 349-2081.

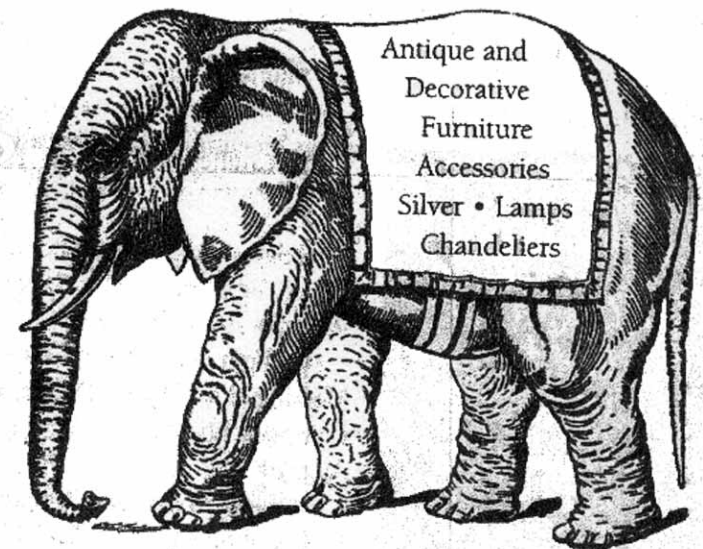
- Kim Lewicki

Shop Closing Permanently Sunday, Oct. 23 EVERYTHING ON SALE!

The Elephant's Foot Antiques Since 1963

Open Daily and now
Sundays, too,
noon to 4 p.m.

680 4th Street, Highlands
526-5451



Next to Whole Life



Reserve yours today
we sell out early

Thanksgiving Dinner

Fresh Roasted on Thanksgiving Morning
Dinner for Six \$165 Includes:

Butter Basted Turkey or Honey Spiced Glazed Ham

Mountain Fresh Dressing

Traditional Green Bean Casserole

Apple Onion Galette and Cranberry Relish

Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes

House-Made Yeast Rolls and Turkey Herb Gravy

Choice of Pies: Granny Smith Apple, Pumpkin or Pecan



Corner of 5th & Main, Highlands NC 828-526-2400

• POLICE & FIRE LOG •

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

- Sept. 26**
- At 11:47 a.m., officers responded to another 9-1-1 hangup from the OEI pool area. They believe it is due to weather.
 - At 5:40 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hangup from a residence on N. Cobb Road. All was OK.
 - At 9:30 p.m., officers received a call from a resident on Walkingstick Road requesting a tree be removed from the road.
- Sept. 27**
- At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.
 - At 6:40 p.m., Marshall David Buck, 25, of Raoul Road was arrested for assaulting a female in a home on Raoul Road by strangulation.
 - At 10:45 p.m., officers were asked to escort a person into a home on Raoul Road so he could retrieve his belongings.
- Sept. 28**
- At 2:30 a.m., officers responded to a call about a man communicating threats at a residence on US 64 west.

- At 12:40 p.m., Elias Juarez Lopez, 35, of Highlands, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.
 - At 10:30 p.m., officers received an anonymous call about a man on a bike soliciting a ride from women in cars on Spring Street.
- Sept. 30**
- At 7:05 p.m., officers received a noise complaint about loud music at The Bascom but the affair was permitted.
- Oct. 1**
- At 1 p.m., officers responded to a call of a bear in the parking lot of the Highlands Smokehouse.
- Oct. 2**
- At 12:30 p.m., a wallet found at a lodging establishment on Main Street was turned into the police.
 - At 5:33 p.m., officers responded to a call of a bear at August Produce.
- Oct. 4**
- At 8:25 p.m., officers responded to a call of a bear in the trash at a residence on US 64 west.
 - During the week, police officers issued 7 citations and responded to 4 alarms.
- Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from Sept. 29
- Sept. 29**
- At 12:23 p.m. the dept. responded to an accident involving a

- tractor-trailer truck and a car on Main and 4th streets. There were no injuries.
- Sept. 30**
- At 7:33 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at the Hospital which was set off by workers.
 - At 1:53 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Satulah with a motorcycle accident. The person was taken to the hospital
- Oct. 1**
- At 1:20 p.m. the dept. responded to a chimney fire at OEI.
- Oct. 2**
- At 8:16 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. It was cancelled en route.
 - At 8:46 a.m., the dept. was first-responders on a medical call at a residence on Highlands Manor Court. The person was taken to the hospital.
- Oct. 3**
- At 11:12 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on the Franklin Road. The person was taken to the hospital.
 - At 1:34 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Scaly for a brush fire at the Blue Valley Overlook on NC 106.

Schedule for Highlands School Intersession Week:

- 1. Reading Remediation:**
Tues., Oct. 11; Wed., Oct. 12; and Thurs., Oct. 13: 8 to 11:30am with Brunch at 9:45 a.m.; buses will run before and after school and will pick up and drop off students at their normal bus stops. There are approximately 40 students in grades 3 - 8 invited for Reading Remediation. Students were recommended by their teachers based on 1st nine weeks grades and 2010 EOG test results.
- 2. Enrichment:**
Mon., Oct. 10: Trip to the Biltmore House: Approximately 50 students in grades 6, 7, and 8.
- 3. Enrichment:**
Thurs., Oct. 13: Trip to Brevard College for campus tour and information session, and attending the college presentation of 'Taming of the Shrew.' There is room for approximately 15 students in grades 8 and 9.
- 4. Online and ITV classes:**
Mon., Oct. 10; Tues., Oct. 11; Wed., Oct. 12; and Thurs., Oct. 13: approximately 20 students in grades 10 - 12. These classes continue because the colleges are in session this week.
- 5. PSAT: PSAT Verbal Prep Class:**
Mon., Oct. 10: 8 - 11:30 a.m.; PSAT Math Prep class, Tues., Oct. 11: 8 - 11:30 a.m.; PSAT TEST, Wed., Oct. 12: 8 a.m.- Finished. Approximately 20, 9th - 11th grade students.



The Original Zickgraf Flooring Outlet
Even better than before!
Same building, just 2 doors down

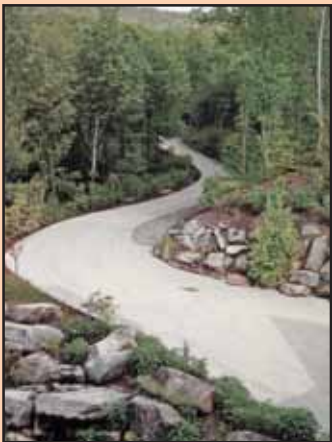
Featuring: Hardwood, Engineered, Laminate & Vinyl Flooring
Now Offering Cabinets (SOLID WOOD)
Unfinished Red Oak and Hickory builder-grade options, as well as Pre-finished custom cabinets at big-box store non-wood prices!

Unbelievable Prices! Ready to Go!

Ask about our oil rubbed
7" River Recovered Antique Heartpine
NOW AT OVER 50% OFF!
Solid Unfinished – Starting at \$0.89
Solid Pre-finished – Starting at \$1.29
Laminate – Starting at \$1.09
Vinyl – Starting at \$0.77



791 Ulco Drive • Franklin, NC
Office: (828) 369-9781 • Fax: (828) 524-6888



We have an
economic
solution to
paving!

Call us
Today!



UNIFORM PAVING
& Seal Coating

Leonard Harrison, Owner
828-361-5343

... LETTERS continued from page 6

Dear Editor,

I am writing again in reference to a few merchants who want to shut craft shows down. You are overlooking the business we bring in, as well as the tax revenue. We all eat, including crafters, and all of us do not pack a picnic lunch.

Most customers are looking for something different and if they don't find it at the craft show, they go downtown. We all need gas and as Highlands is remote, most fill up in town.

I personally know of areas where crafters and merchants work well together - Franklin (Whistle Stop Mall, Scottish Festival, Pumpkin-fest), Hendersonville & Waynesville, NC; Clayton & Dahlonega, GA (whole streets are shut down), and as far away as Crystal River, FLA - just to name a few. A

ND how about your own

next-door neighbor, Cashiers, where the merchants themselves are sponsoring a three-day show just this coming week-end for us crafters?! I would think they may view your actions as foolish and aimless over only four days.

I am sorry for you if you are not bringing in the profits that you would like. Then, if I may suggest, perhaps your product is a little too "high-end" for most in this economy or you simply may have to accept our economic "state-of-affairs" instead of blaming a few crafters for two weekends out of the year. Who do you blame the rest of the year?!

Clyde & Maranee Bowen
"Art 'N Iron"

Dear Editor,

As a frequent visitor to Highlands, I am concerned about the complaints from merchants about having Arts and Crafts Shows downtown,

in particular, the show that is during Memorial Day and Labor Day. The concern is about these art shows taking business from in-town merchants. However, what I see is a lot of old merchants in their not-so-modern stores complaining

about their lack of sales and blaming whomever they can.

We need new events in town, and that art market is a breath of fresh air for the town. New vendors and art shows mean energy and excitement downtown. The visitors need to

be entertained and inspired, and so far what I have see is that a lot of stores should re-invent themselves, instead of crying behind their outdated image and products.

Jean-Philippe Saldana

Area Consignment Shops

#12 Chestnut Square Consignment Market & Mike's Club House



Furniture, lamps & accessories... Consignment Golf Clubs, Gear and more!

828-507-3325
828-577-1997

Cashiers, NC

www.consignmentmarketcashiersnc.com

Jill's COTTAGE

Furniture, Flowers,
Local Artwork and
soon...
food you will love!

1134 N. 4th Street
Highlands
526-9090
Next to Twigs



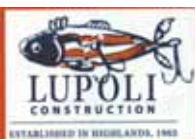
gg's
Consignments ETC
A Unique Resale Experience
Judy Gray
142 Hwy. 107 South • Cashiers, NC 28717
828-743-3313 • 828-226-3175

'Hear What's in the Heart' On Stage at the Highlands Playhouse Sept. 30-Oct.9

Sponsored in part by
Bill and Patsy Wolfe



73 Years of
Professional
Theatre
in Highlands



For Tickets, call or visit the Box Office:

828-526-2695 362 Oak Street,
Highlands

2011 Corporate Sponsor

Highlands Fine Consignments



526-3742

Two Locations!

460 Carolina Way and
288 Franklin Road

(Just before The Bascom)



Nearly New

Fine Furniture Consignment
Serving Cashiers for 12 years
Mon-Sat 10-5

Hwy. 107S. Village Walk,
Cashiers, NC • 828-743-4033

LOCATED NEXT TO ELLEN'S LADIES ACCESSORIES

Victoria's Closet

Fine Ladies Consignments

(828) 743-9575
Located 1/4 mile East of Cashiers Crossroads
in Alexander Gardens
Daily 10AM - 5PM
Hours and Days vary in Winter

VC FOR MEN

FINE MENS CONSIGNMENTS

www.victoriasclosetnc.com



Hours:

Monday-Saturday,
10-5

#8 Marmalade Lane
Cashiers, NC
828-743-7876



- Furniture
- Fine Clothing
- Home Decor
- Children's Apparel

Accepting Furniture & Fine Clothing
consignment

Pick up and delivery available

2248 Dillard Road, Highlands
828-526-9948

• HEALTH MATTERS •

Facial Rejuvenation-Managing Expectations

Most of us of a certain age have probably wondered how we would look after a facelift or other facial rejuvenation. What would it be like if we could turn back the clock in an instant? This usually happens in the harsh light of the bathroom mirror and is forgotten in the reality of daily life. But what if that wonderment persists? What if we no longer look like we feel? What if we really do begin to contemplate facial rejuvenation?

I recently read an article that addressed this question and gave some good advice on how to proceed. The gist was that you do your homework and select the right procedure for you, and then go into the procedure with realistic expectations. The contention was that reality shows like "Extreme Makeover" and many claims of the internet and in other ads are, in actuality, not reality.

Here, then, are the tips to managing facial rejuvenation expectations:

Aim to look like yourself, only better.

The first step is to identify exactly what you do not like about your appearance. What is it that makes you look older, angrier, more tired, or whatever appearance that bothers you? Then ask if

fixing this would make you feel better about yourself. In doing this, aim for an improved, or somewhat younger, version of yourself. Avoid comparisons. Even if we could give you Angelina Jolie's lips, they probably would not look good on you.

Consider all the reasons for your look.

Is the reason you look the way you do secondary to the facial changes in an otherwise unchanged you, or are there other considerations? Would losing a few pounds by itself provide the change you seek? Could part of it be your hair or glasses? Is the problem pure gravity with descent of facial tissues causing folds, hollows and bands, or does sun damaged skin contribute a great deal to the look? If you research your options on line, be careful where you look and who is writing what you read. Surgery.org and PlasticSurgery.org provide consensus information by experienced real Plastic Surgeons. RealSelf.com also provides opinions by Plastic Surgeons and patient



Dr. Robert Buchanan
Center for Plastic Surgery

quaintance who has had a procedure is no substitute for a reputable Board Certified Plastic Surgeon with experience in facial skin problems, less invasive procedures and advanced surgery. Remember, even if the acquaintance has had something similar to what you are considering, their problems and tissues are not yours. You are unique and your problems are your own. You need an expert to evaluate these. That is also the main problem with some of the facelift clinics. Their physi-

cians (many of whom are not even surgeons) know only one thing and cannot modify it to fit your individual needs. Discuss the risk/benefit ratio.

Once you have made a decision that you would like something done, you need to speak with someone who can evaluate your desires and the reality of your situation and help you decide what you need to achieve your goals. A family member, a friend, or, even, an ac-

quaintance who has had a procedure is no substitute for a reputable Board Certified Plastic Surgeon with experience in facial skin problems, less invasive procedures and advanced surgery. Remember, even if the acquaintance has had something similar to what you are considering, their problems and tissues are not yours. You are unique and your problems are your own. You need an expert to evaluate these. That is also the main problem with some of the facelift clinics. Their physi-

cians (many of whom are not even surgeons) know only one thing and cannot modify it to fit your individual needs. Discuss the risk/benefit ratio. A good Plastic Surgeon will discuss the possible risks and complications of anything you are considering. They will let you know the frequency of the occurrence and the likelihood of it happening to you. They will also let you know what the recovery is. Frequently, today, this is much faster than it used to be, but it is not as fast as some ads would like you to think. Even good skin care, if you are to truly rejuvenate the skin, has a recovery. In order to make an informed decision, you also need to have a good idea of just what result you can expect and when to expect it. Make sure you understand this so you can make an informed decision as to what is right for you. These discussions take time, so make sure enough time is allotted for the consultation. One of the things that must be discussed is the cost, including also the down time.

Consider the options. Be honest when you discuss your hopes and expectations. If you are averse to surgery, state this from the first. Sometimes surgery is the only choice to achieve your goals. However, increasingly today, there may be several alternatives including totally non-invasive and minimally invasive (injectable) methods. A good Plastic Surgeon will discuss all these with you if they exist, and, if not, tell you why. Be realistic.

Nothing that really rejuvenates the face is without risks or some down side. Make sure that you understand these as well as the expected outcome. Remember, the more that needs correcting, the more it takes to achieve your goals. Consider the down side of the proposed procedure and then how well it will achieve your goals. If the ratio is negative, proceed cautiously, or not at all. If it is positive, you have found the solution to turn back the clock of your appearance. Go for it.

• Dr. Buchanan is a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon at the Center for Plastic Surgery on the campus of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. For more information, visit PlasticSurgeryToday.com.

Think Pink in October!

Join HCH in recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Four
le Pink
5k Walk/Run

Supporting HCH Breast Health and Women's Services



Open to all ages and fitness levels, male/female.
To register or for race details please visit www.highlandscashiershospital.org or call (828) 526-1313. During race activities, sign up for a drawing for a FREE Digital Mammography Screening. The race is being organized with assistance by Highlands Roadrunners Club.

"Women's Health-The Well Rounded Woman"
Physician Forum
Monday, October 10th

Board Certified Gynecologist, James C. Smallwood, MD will present "Women's Health-The Well Rounded Woman", a complimentary lunch and learn, held at noon in the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the Hospital campus.

Participants will learn the latest information regarding preventive medical treatments and screenings with an emphasis on breast health. Please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email cutz@hchospital.org.



... ETJ continued from page 1

changing an ordinance must be heard twice if the vote is a simple majority.

Commissioners Larry Rogers and Gary Drake made the initial motion to abolish ETJ and Commissioner John Dotson agreed. But only after saying he thought some zoning in ETJ benefited Highlands and some didn't.

"Because of ETJ, Highlands had a say in how some construction was done in ETJ, but because of grandfathering and because people saw it coming, things were done to property that Highlands didn't have control over," he said. "I think ETJ was advantageous to the majority of Highlands but I'm not sure the way it is now constructed is good for the whole."

Commissioner Patterson said ETJ was a form of protection set in motion 40 years ago when the Highlands community decided to adopt a zoning ordinance and the extension into ETJ further protects the future of a growing community.

"It's a way to sustain our community so it doesn't become a hell hole everyone wants to leave," she said, mimicking one of the speakers at the ETJ public hearing last week. "Zoning is restrictive but I happen to think it protects us from what our neighbors could do. I don't want a race track in a residential area or a 10-story condominium. Zoning offers guidelines the community can adhere to."

Concerning closing a portion of Church Street Alley, David Young, who owns property that backs onto the alley said he had nothing against churches and understood how beneficial it will be for Highlands United Methodist Church but was concerned about a nonprofit's use impacting the public use.

Elaine Dunn and Alice Nelson echoed Young's concerns saying they use the alley often as a way around Main Street. "I think this is a poor idea for the public and the general residents of the town," said Nelson.

Nevertheless, the board voted unanimously to abandon a portion of the alley, to close it to vehicular traffic, to accept the new two-way street from Church Street Alley to Spring Street and to accept the plat as presented.

As per State Statute included in the motion was the statement that closing the street would not be contrary to public's wishes and no person would be deprived of a reasonable means of ingress or egress to their property.

Concerning events on town property, Mayor David Wilkes requested that Planning Director David Clabo investigate what other communities allow on their public spaces; specifically how they gov-

ern the use of their property.

He echoed what he said at the Sept. 20 Town Board meeting, mainly that members of the Business Committee questioned the use of Kelsey-Hutchinson Park (K-H). At that same meeting Lynn deVillie read a statement into the record requesting some policy be drawn up as to park use.

The policy on the books was presented at Tuesday night's meeting clearly outlining uses in and on all recreation property. Pertaining to K-H Park, "uses are not limited to recreational activities. Uses are intended to be public-oriented and not commercial uses, but like certain events that have a commercial aspect to them, craft fairs, art shows and antique shows are permitted and will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Wilkes suggested the policy be reviewed; possibly revamped to include guidelines for parking, insurance, tax records, fees and income derived by the promoter.

"Where do we want to allow this, how do we control it and how much do we charge?" he said.

Village Square Arts & Crafts show promoter Cynthia Strain presented a petition of 150 signatures of people for the show and asked what the difference was if a nonprofit entity or a for-profit entity put on an arts and crafts show if the complaint is that the shows take business away from Main Street.

She presented documentation verifying that communities all around Highlands and beyond consistently have arts and crafts show – eight pages worth in October and November alone – and said if Highlands doesn't do it people will go elsewhere because they want to go where there are things to do.

She also cited studies that show the positive economic impact of shows on communities.

"Since when does this town only care about the businesses on Main Street? There are a lot more business in this town than just on Main Street," she said.

Debbie Grossman of Fressers Eatery said the town doesn't do a lot for businesses off Main Street and she depends on art shows on town property for business because she caters them.

"Think how not having these affairs affects business," she said. "We need events like these. If you take away the extracurricular activities people will go to other towns."

Recreation Director Selwyn Chalker said there "commercial" events and then there are "commercial" events saying Highlands has long been off the "true" commercial circuit.

The board will discuss the issue at the

next Town Board meeting.

Jeff Weller presented the architectural assessment for the Highlands Playhouse saying that for about \$54,750 the flooring, roof, external structure, and electrical issues could be addressed and brought up to code.

Winterizing the building would cost about \$94,000.

The finance committee will look at the proposed budget and decide what parts of the project are feasible at this time.

– Kim Lewicki

Dr. Joseph H. Wilbanks, D.D.S.

You are only 50 miles away from 30 years experience in top-notch, high-tech, one-stop dentistry known for its gentle touch.



278 East Doyle St. • Toccoa, GA

706-886-9439 • 800-884-9439

www.WilbanksSmileCenter.com

Find out how the Obagi® Skin Care System can transform your skin at the cellular level to look & act younger and healthier.

Before Use of Obagi® Nu-Derm System	After	Before Use of Obagi® Nu-Derm + Blue Peel	After
--	-------	---	-------

20% OFF Obagi® and Jane Iredale Products During Open House

30% OFF Obagi® Blue Peel When Scheduled During Open House

Obagi® Open House at the Center for Plastic Surgery
Friday, Oct. 7th • 10 am - 4 pm
Call: 526-3783 • Toll Free: 877-526-3784
209 Hospital Dr. • Suite 202 • Highlands, NC 28741
www.PlasticSurgeryToday.com

Ask Dr. Blue

"Does LASIK cause Dry eyes?"

- Betty from Franklin, N.C.



Betty, the Lasik procedure does not cause dry eyes. The majority of people who come seeking Lasik already had Dry Eyes and didn't even know it. Many times we'll perform Lasik and also treat the Dry Eyes. Those patients often say, "*I had no idea my eyes could feel this good!*" Whether you are interested in LASIK or not, if you experience symptoms of burning, redness, stickiness and blurry vision, I encourage you to see an Ophthalmologist. As simple as it is to treat Dry Eyes, there's no reason to live with the condition.

~ Richard Blue, M.D.



295 Dillard Rd.
Highlands, NC

888-2-DR-BLUE
www.bluelasergroup.com

CLASSIFIEDS – \$6 FOR 10 WORDS, 20 CENTS EACH WORD AFTER, ADD A HIGHLIGHT FOR \$2

HELP WANTED

SERVERS AND KITCHEN HELP NEEDED – Ruka's and Highlands Smokehouse. Call Ruka's at 526-3636. (st. 8/17)
NEED A JOB? Call Skyline Lodge, Highlands - positions available immediately: Babysitter, Housekeeper, Busser, Dishwasher. 526-2121

YARD / MOVING / ESTATE SALES

SATURDAY, OCT. 8, 10 A.M. IN HIGHLANDS HILLS. 292 Woodland Hill Rd. Off Hicks Road in Mirror Lake, follow the signs from 64E at Flat Mt. Rd.

WANTED

ROOMMATE WANTED! A room for rent is available. The apartment is located in town. One person. No pets. \$250 a month, plus \$250 deposit, utilities not included. Call 828 342 8729 (st. 10/4)
YARD WORK – experienced and reliable. Call 772-626-4628

home 828-526-1025.

LOOKING FOR HIKING PARTNER. Call 828-577-7384. (st. 6/30)

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

1930S LOG CHESTNUT CABIN, 2 bd, 2 ba, winterized, furnished, W/D, fireplace, near hiking trails, 5 miles from Highlands. \$800 plus utilities. Call 526-0088 or 200-2114. (10/5)

TWO REASONABLE COMMERCIAL SPACES for your office, office away from home, studio or storage. Near Bascom, good parking, \$525 and \$390/month includes electric, or combine for 800 square feet. 526-5558. (10/5)

CHARMING, SKY VALLEY – 3 bed, 2 bath home Fireplace. Useable Basement. Views. \$750. Call Paul at 706-745-7279. (st. 8/31).

ANNUAL/YEAR ROUND RENTALS — Now taking applications for these homes: **2BR/2bath upper level condo** –walk to town, screened porch, in a quiet area. \$900 monthly, not including utilities, furnished, parking space. **3BR/2bath home** — all on one level, furnished, screened back porch, updated, \$900 per month, not including

utilities, In town limits, yard and good parking Rental applications subject to credit, and/or criminal check. Call The Chambers Agency, 526-3717 or email jsc@chambersagency.net or come by 401 N. Fifth Street. (8/31)

3 BR CABIN W/GREAT VIEW FOR RENT monthly Aug, Sept, and/or Oct. Off Dillard Road – Klein Road – 2 bath and huge screened in porch. View can't be topped! Pets OK. Call 828-526-5174 (8/25)

SUITE FOR RENT on a beautiful horse farm on Blue Valley Road 5 miles out of town. The very large in law-suite on the bottom level of a very large home. Private entrance, private bath, whole house privileges. Private refrigerator, microwave, hot plate and completely furnished with TV. \$500 a month + 1/4 of the utilities. Call (828) 787-1170. (st. 6/19)

DOWNTOWN ON MAIN ST APT – 1/1, covered balcony, small pets allowed, \$650/mo. Call 200-0036(day) or 526-4044(eve) (st.4/7)

REMODELED EFFICIENCY APARTMENT RIVER RUN II Washer Dryer, Large Deck. Walking distance to Skiing, Swimming, Exercise, and Meeting rooms and Public Golf Course \$495 monthly

\$17 weekly – add \$5 for color

• Service Directory •

J&J Lawn and Landscaping



Serving Highlands & Cashiers for 20 years!

Phone: 526-2251

Toll Free: 888-526-2251

Fax: 828-526-8764

Email: JJlawn1663@frontier.com

John Shearl, Owner • 1663 S. 4th St. Highlands



**Larry Houston
Rock Work**

**Walls • Fireplaces • Patios • Piers
All Rock Work • Stucco**

(828) 526-4138 or (828) 371-7451

**UNIFORM PAVING
& Seal Coating**

"All work guaranteed"

Call about our Spring Specials!

Leonard Harrison, Owner

828-361-5343



**Deluxe, Indoor
Climate Controlled Self Storage
With covered loading zone**



**• Units Available •
Highlands Storage Village
526-4555 • Cashiers Rd.**

HIGHLANDS TAXI

Licensed & Insured

24 hour / Prompt Dependable Service
Confidentiality Guaranteed
Shuttle to All Airports / Special Events & Weddings

Local Rates: \$4 per mile (3-mile minimum)
Each Additional Person \$2 per mile
Rates Double After Midnight

**Contact Charlie @828-526-8645 or @828-482-2319 cell
chasdash@rocketmail.com**

**MANLEY'S AUTO
AND TOWING**

**Complete Auto Service
Towing Available 24 Hours**

James "Popcorn" Manley - Owner/Operator

P.O. Box 1263
1597 South 4th Street
Highlands, NC 28741

Garage: (828) 526-9805

Cell: (828) 342-0583

Towing: (828) 526-0374

TIRES • BRAKES • OIL CHANGES • TUNE UPS

CROWE CONSTRUCTION

**New Construction • Remodels
Maintenance & Repairs**

Call Kenneth Crowe

(828) 526-5943

(828) 332-8290

**crowecrazy
@yahoo.com**



**Allan Dearth & Sons
Generator**

Sales & Service, Inc.

828-526-9325

Cell: 828-200-1139

email: allandearth@msn.com

CLASSIFIEDS – \$6 FOR 10 WORDS, 20 CENTS EACH WORD AFTER, ADD A HIGHLIGHT FOR \$2

annual rent plus utilities. Includes Master Association Amenities. 561-626-7467. (8/18)

ARCHITECTS PRIVATE 3BED/3BATH HOME. Stunning open living area. Two stone fireplaces, den, two decks overlooking stream and private stocked trout pond. Designer furnished. Walking distance to town. Non smokers only; deposit required. \$2,500/month - negotiable for long term. Weekly rates available. Call 770-639-2682. (9/29)

COMMERCIAL SPACE ON CAROLINA WAY. 1200 SF+/- .Currently occupied by Mountain Fitness. Available May 1. \$1200/mo. Call Tom Clark (404) 210-7979, (828) 526-4646. (St. 4/14)

HIGHLANDS GARAGE APARTMENT. Within town limits. Quiet, cozy, wood paneled. Living room, bedroom, bath, kitchen, balcony, carpeted. One person. No pets. Six month minimum, partially furnished. \$425/mo, incl. utilities, except electric. Call 404-892-2090. (st.4/14)

HOUSE FOR RENT 3BR/2BTH. \$650 plus utilities. No cell phone service. 3459 Buck Creek Road 828-524-6038. (st. 3/3)

STORAGE/OFFICE LOCATION FOR RENT. +/- 1,600 sq. ft., heat & air, bathroom, close to town. \$700 per month. Call 828-526-8953.

• Service Directory •

**Christine's
HOME DECOR**
www.christineshomedecor.com

Custom-Fit Slipcovers • Window Treatments • Custom Upholstery
Full Line of Hunter Douglas and Graber Blinds

Owners - Christine and Scott

115 Highlands Road
Franklin, NC 28734

(828) 524-7007
Toll Free (866) 968-2557



**Clear Creek
Tileworks**



CERAMIC, MARBLE, PORCELAIN & STONE
New Construction, Remodels, Repairs
Kitchens • Bathrooms • Countertops • Floors
Fully Insured



Dan Garthwaite
(828) 526-4350

PO Box 181, Highlands, NC 28741

Michael David Rogers

Native grown trees and plants
Erosion Control Specialist
Landscape Installation
& Maintenance

515 Wyanoak Drive • Highlands
828-526-4946 or 828-200-0268
tinacrogers@frontier.com

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

BEAUTIFUL HIGH RIDGE PROPERTY FACING SCALY MOUNTAIN. Located right fork past Church of God on Buck Knob Road. 14.91 acres. \$299,000. Call Dawn at 813-264-6358. mknowles@msn.com. (10/4)

2/2 SINGLE-WIDE WITH GREAT VIEW AND PRIVACY, backs to national forest and move-in ready. \$89,000. 526.1971or 482.2050.

QUEENS MOUNTAIN. SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN VIEWS OF BLUE VALLEY & SATULA MOUNTAINS. 3BR,3BA on 1.83+

165827

**Highlands-Cashiers
HOSPITAL**
Fidelia Eckerd Living Center
US 64 Between Highlands & Cashiers, NC

Positions Now Available

**Registered Nurses
Certified Nursing Assistants
PRN Dietary Aid**

Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 60 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Human Resources, 828-526-1376, or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

Douglas Tank General Contractor

Since 1965
New Home and Remodeling
Licensed and Insured

828-526-9450

You know us as **RUNNERS**, but don't forget we are also **NC REAL ESTATE BROKERS**. You can count on us every step of the way to get you to the finish line. We train hard for races, and we will work equally hard for you!

Richard Betz 828-526-5213
Martha Betz 828-200-1411
Country Club Properties
betzrealtor@gmail.com



acres. Lovely Sun room/Sitting Area off Master, brick fireplace, tile & wood floors, cathedral ceilings, built-ins. Well appointed kitchen remodeled in 2011. Bathrooms have all been redone. New metal roof in 2004. 2 car garage, screened porch. Garden with water feature. Partially Finished. Basement. Home has been very well taken care of. \$650,000. Betsy Paul Properties: 828.743.0880, www.betsypaulproperties.com. (st. 9/6)

MOUNTAINTOP GOLF LAKE CLUB CASHIERS – Lot for Sale. Paid \$475,000; Will sell for \$325,000 with membership included. Call 864-855-2406, or 864-979-6953. (st. 7/27)

SEE THE ONLY GREEN ROOF, TORNADO PROOF, MODESTLY SIZED VILLA ON THE MARKET. Lakeside Lodge in Rocky Knob. Appt. Only. www.singleylaydesigns.com or call your broker. (st. 6/30)

LAST LOT AVAILABLE! – 1 acre +/-, water, prior septic permit, western mountain and sunset views along Eastern Divide, backs up to HCC, great neighborhood, 2 miles from Main Street. \$86,000. Call 828-200-0244. (st. 6/30)

\$103,000! LOWER CLEAR CREEK. 5.5 miles from Main Street. 2 Lots. .55 & .95 acres. Septics installed. Borders National Forest. 2005 2/bed, 2/bath. Very cozy with fabulous view. Call 828-482-2050. (st. 11/11)

SERVICES

PET CARE SERVICES OF HIGHLANDS - doggy daycare, washing, p/u & delivery from house to daycare or vet., pet sitters available 526.1971or 482.2050.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION – Easy pickup procedures. Mark9398@live.com, or 828-524-2149, 239-292-3623. MC/Visa, Amex, Cash/Check.

HOUSE WATCHING & HOME WINTERIZING SERVICES - Ask for Joseph at Home Services of NC 828.331.8898 Licensed/Insured (10/5)

HANDYMAN SERVICE – electrical, plumbing, pressure cleaning, painting, carpentry, yardwork. References. Call Al Edgar at 332-7271 (cell) or 369-6245.(9/21)

HANDYMAN SPECIAL – Repairs and remodeling, electrical and plumbing, carpentry, painting, pressure washing and more. Low prices. Free estimate. Call 828-421-4667. (st. 8/17)

CRAWLSPACE MOISTURE PROBLEMS? Musty smell in your home? Call 828-787-1673. (St. 4/28)

WILL SIT FOR ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED OR CHILDREN. Your home or mine. 13 years childcare experience. By the hour. Call 828-966-3988. References.

J&J LAWN AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES – Complete Landscaping Company, Design, Installation and Maintenance. Also featuring Plants, Trees, Hardscapes, Water Features, Rockwork, Fencing, Drainage, Erosion Control and RR-Tie work. 20 years serving Highlands area. 828-526-2251.

ITEMS FOR SALE

4X8 TRAILER, Spare Tire, Jack Stand. Fresh Paint. \$250. Call 526-2607. (9/28)

FUTON – like new, blue denim fabric, brown wood, \$250. Leave message. 526-0002 or 941-914-0063. (st. 9/6)

SOFA AND RECLINER great condition, \$325; log-type armchair, \$350; wood dining set with 6 chairs, \$250; bunkbed, \$75. Offers considered. Call 828-787-1792.

A WWII WORK BENCH. Solid Steel 14 drawers with tools & air compressor. Serious inquires only. \$1,500. 828-371-1609. (st. 8/17)

SEARS CARGO CARRIER – SV20 Black. Hardware Included. \$75. Call 828-371-1609. (St. 8/17)

2 MARBLE END & COFFEE TABLES \$125. 2 contemporary lady statues \$100. Tammy 770-337-1000 (Highlands). (st. 6/16)

• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •



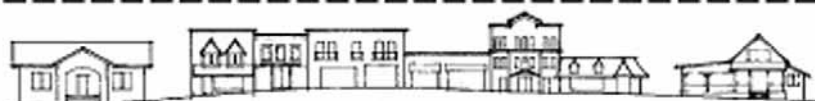
Mountain Findings donates to Literacy Council

The Literacy Council recently received a check from Mountain Findings to further its work in the community. Pictured are Judy Joyner, program coordinator, and Tonya Hensley, Executive Director. Tonya and Judy would like to thank Mountain Findings for all the good they do in the community through their funding of non-profits.



Playhouse donates proceeds to R.E.A.C.H.

The Highlands Playhouse gave R.E.A.C.H. \$1,986 collected at its "Pay What You Can" night dress rehearsals this past season. Pictured are Scott Allbee, president of the Playhouse and Tina Rogers, executive director with Virginia Parrot of R.E.A.C.H.



EVENTS IN CLAYTON, GA!

FIRST FRIDAY FESTS - 6-8pm

"Music and Food on the Lawn!"

Oct. 7

Shop Clayton!

Get a "to-go" from our downtown restaurants, bring a chair, pick a spot on the Rock House Lawn

and enjoy the music!

Mon., Sept. 12

Rhapsody in Rabun Info.

Sat., Oct. 1 - 10am-5pm

Foxfire-Mountaineer Festival

Civic Center in downtown Clayton

Sat., Oct. 22 - 10am-1pm

Halloween Hay Day

Thurs., Nov. 24 - 8 a.m.

Clayton Clucker's Turkey Trot Race

Raising money for Rabun County Food Bank

Parking lot behind Post Office Downtown Clayton

Brought to you by the
CLAYTON MERCHANTS & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
www.downtownclaytonga.org

White Oak Realty Group in business on N. 4th Street

Last Thursday, White Oak Realty Group officially opened during a Chamber After Hours affair. Pictured cutting the ribbon are owner/broker Susie deVile Schiffli and Mal Phillips. Phillips also presented Schiffli with a Pink Panther pin – a movie icon he affiliates her character to.



After 28 years Elephants Foot Highlands Store is closing

Marvin Ray and Ron French have decided they have oats to sew and so are closing the Highlands store to free up time.

"We are at the age we want to travel and do more things while we are still able," said French.

Their West Palm Beach store will remain open; they are only semi-retiring!

"Ron and I, along with our devoted shopkeeper Kathleen Wilson will greatly miss all the wonderful clients we have had

over the past 28 years," said Ray.

The shop at 680 4th Street next to Highlands Whole Life will officially close Sunday, Oct. 23. Meanwhile, everything is on sale in hopes of reducing the inventory move to the West Palm Beach shop.

Visit them there year-round at 3800 S. Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach for a large and eclectic selection of antique and decorative home furnishings.

For more information, call 526-5451.

Tammy Mobley
B/C/Owner
Highlands NC
Realty
535 N. 4th
Cell:
770-337-1000
www.HighlandsNC.info



Country Club Properties
"Your local hometown
Real Estate professionals."
3 Offices 828-526-2520
www.CCPHighlandsNC.com

Main Street Inn & Bistro on Main
526-2590 • www.mainstreet-inn.com



Mountain Top Electronics
Located in Wright Square
177 W. Main Street
526-3350



Greenleaf Gallery
Robert Tino Art
Custom Picture Framing • Art Pottery
• Jewelry • Home Decor
211 S. 4th St. • 526-9333



three bears
classic children's clothing
273 Spring St. • behind Reeves
828.482.2279



Ruka's Table
in Wright Square
Fine Southern Cuisine
Serving dinner daily from
5:30
Bar opens at 4 p.m.
526-3636

The Highlands Playhouse
526-2695



SILVER EAGLE
JEWELRY • GEMS & MINERALS
MINNETONKA MOCCASINS
NATIVE AMERICAN ART
BOOKS • KNIVES
370 MAIN STREET
828 526 5190



The Chambers Agency Realtors
Homes and Land For Sale
Vacation Homes for Rent
526-3717 OR 888-526-3717
401 N 5th St, Highlands
www.chambersagency.net




Reed Family Linens
400 • 600 • 1000 ct. Sateen Sheets
...and much more!
Mtn. Brook Center
411 N. 4th St. • 526-5114



"Ace is the Place!"
Reeves Hardware
At Main & 3rd streets
Highlands 526-2157

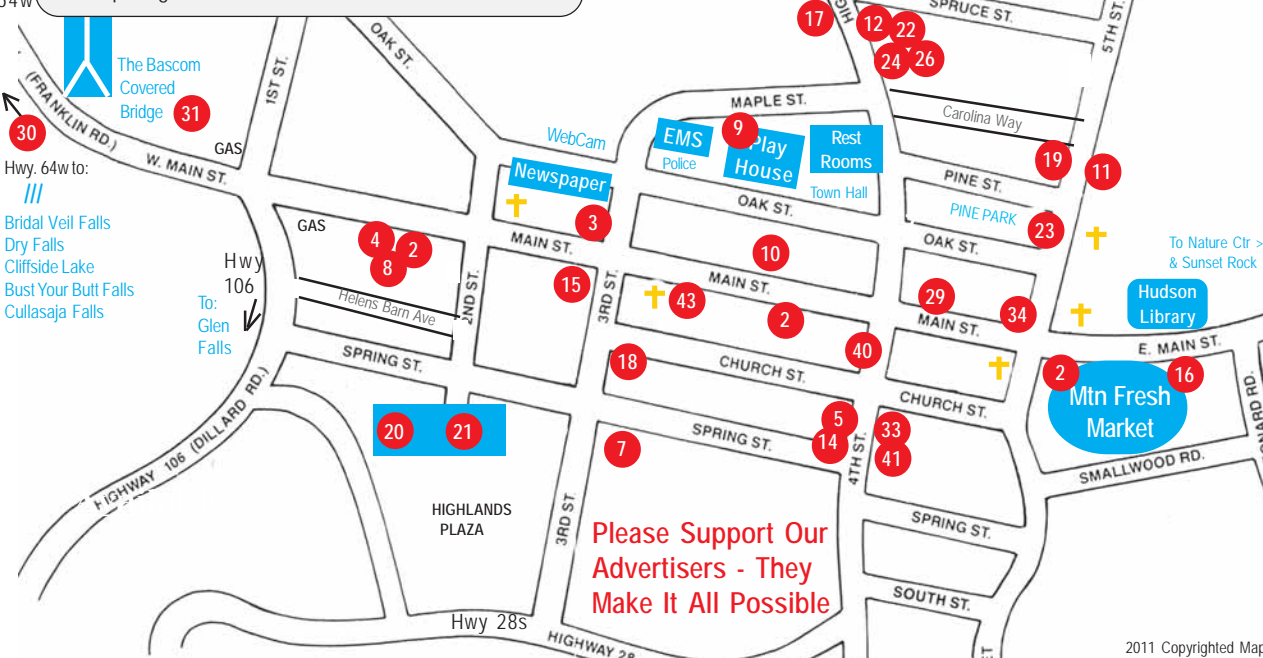
Highlands Properties
828-526-5522
HighlandsProperties.com
450 N. Fourth St. Highlands, N.C. 28741



MACON BANK
THE PEOPLE YOU TURN TO.
THE BANK YOU TRUST.
800.438.2265
WWW.MACONBANK.COM
MEMBER FDIC
EQUAL HOUSING LENDER



Friday, Oct. 7
• Obagi Healthy Skin Open House and Jane Iredale Mineral Make-up Consultation at the Center for Plastic Surgery – Dr. Robert Buchanan. 20% off Obagi and Jane Iredale products during the event!
Saturday, Oct 8
• Highlands Farmer's Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, 8-11 a.m. Homegrown and home-made.
• Highlands Arts & Crafts Show at the Rec Park from 9-5. Sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and Highlands Recreation Dept. Fressers Eatery will have breakfast and lunch available. Free admission and free parking.




4th St. Boutique
comfortable
clothing for
women
526-8878
219 S. 4th St. ...on the hill



the bird barn
"We're All About Birds"
Next door to
Mountain Fresh Grocery
at The Falls on Main
828-526-3910



m. mally's cottage
Personalized Gifts
Monogramming
and more
Corner of Church St. Alley & 3rd St.



Golden China & Sushi Bar
Listed in
'100 Top Chinese Restaurants in USA'
Lunch Buffet: 11 - 2:30, M-F
Dinner: 3-9:30, 7 days
Wine & Beer
Highlands Plaza
526-5525
Delivery in town w/\$15 order




The Computer Man!
But you can call me James!
• Computer Sales
• Computer Services
• Computer Parts
526-1796
68 Highlands Plaza • Highlands NC



Mountain Brook Suites
526-5117 Suites 888-526-5117
In-Town Suites on Mill Creek
Creskide suites w/balconies, pet-friendly, deluxe
Jacuzzi & separate shower, gas log fireplaces, Cable
TV w/HBO, Wi-Fi, Continental
www.mountainbrooksuiteshighlandsNC.com



Needlepoint of Highlands
Barbara B. Cusachs
526-3901 • 800-526-3902
Village Square • Oak at 5th



Our Passion for the Mountains Starts with You



Hwy 64 & Carolina Way • 828-526-8300

HighlandsRealEstate.com



THE GAME KEEPER'S TAVERN

Dinner: from 5:30
Lounge: 4 until
(828) 743-4263

3646 US 64 East
Sapphire, NC

www.gamekeeperstavern.com



NADINE PARADISE, BROKER
FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS!

828-371-2551 (CELL)

nadineparadise@gmail.com

www.NadineParadise.com



MOUNTAIN BROOK CENTER
HWY 64 & CAROLINA WAY
HIGHLANDS



Premier Highlands-Cashiers Properties

Let Our Expertise Work for You

828-526-8128 or 828-526-8581

www.mountainviewpropertiesnc.com



...on the Verandah Restaurant
on Lake Sequoyah

828-526-2338

www.ontheverandah.com

Let RBC Bank help you find the
Mortgage Solutions that are
right for you.



Contact me today!

Gary Garren
(828) 526-2284
gary.garren@rbc.com



RBC Bank®

31



**Gallery of
Fine American
Handcrafts**

**including jewelry, pottery,
glass and much more!**

**2820 Dillard Road
828-526-0229**

**2010
Highlands #1 Agency**



and

**Highlands-Cashiers
MLS #1 Agent**



Jody Lovell
828-526-4104

exurbiasothebysrealty.com

33



Ristorante Paoletti

Dinner from 5:30 nightly
Reservations: 526-4906

29



Joe Deckman
Broker
C: 828-371-3252
H: 828-526-8217



www.joedeckmanrealestate.com
www.signatureproperties-nc.com
email: joe@signatureproperties-nc.com

Osteria del monte RISTORANTE ITALIANO

Full Cocktail Bar and Wine List

Lunch 11:30 - 4

Dinner 5 - 9:30

Reservations suggested

828-883-2551

1301 US 64, Sapphire, NC

Cut n Patch Quilt Shop

Custom Quilts
Fabrics, Notions
526-9743

Highlands

Please call for hours &
directions



*"Invest in Highlands, NC Real Estate ...
and Invest in Your Life!"™*

Read our blog at WhiteOakRG.com and give me a call!

(828) 200-2642 • mal@WhiteOakRG.com

Mal Phillips, Broker

125 South 4th Street

40

McCULLEY'S CASHMERE



Scotland's Best Knitwear

Top of the Hill • 242 S. 4th St.

526-4407 • Open 7 days a week

41

Building Green Building Value



**CIMARRON
BUILDERS**

828-526-2240

www.cimbuild.com



Brad Smith, DVM
Stephen Armitter, DVM
Amanda Whitlock, DVM

828-526-8700

Large, Small, & Exotic
Animal Medicine & Surgery
Laser Surgery Available

Next to Freeman Gas @ 19 Cabe Place, Highlands



341 Main Street
Town Square
Highlands
828-526-3788

Open Late
Mon.-Thurs. 10a-10p
Fri. & Sat. 10a - 11p

Fudge & Ship Special!
Three 1/2 Pound Fudge Slices
Shipped Nationwide
\$19.99

43