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The video surveillance system on the town's recreational facilities as well as at Highlands criminal and drug activity in High-



Support Person of the Year Mary Greene and Teacher of Year Photo by Ryan Potts

'Green' is the word at HS

By Ryan Potts

Ås teachers and students returned to school last week for the 2012-13 school year, Highlands School also announced the winners of the 2011-12 Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year awards.

The 2011-12 Teacher of the Year award was given to Social Studies teacher Chris Green. Green teaches Civics, AP US History and Current Events at Highlands School, and will be beginning his 9th year at Highlands this

Green is originally from Franklin, NC, and graduated from UNC-Asheville. His first teaching job was in Tyrell County, on the coast of NC before moving home to the mountains and accepting a job at Highlands. In addition to his teaching, Green is a very successful soccer coach and has been named Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year six straight times.

"Chris is an exceptional teacher," said Highlands School See GREEN page 3

Bill and Eleanor Cheney named their foundation for their grandson, who due to his involvement with drugs, took his own life on September 21, 2009.

They have since made it their

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Davis and Snow pair off at 'League' forum

Thursday, Aug. 9, the League of Women Voters hosted a forum between sitting NC Senator for the 50th District Jim Davis and candidate and previous 50th District Senator John Snow.

The two epitomized leanings of their national parties – Davis, the Tea Party bent of the Republican Party and Snow the center of the road of the Democrat Party.

The two spoke to a full "over-60" house where Davis supporters who sported red T-shirts with the slogan "Jim Davis for NC Senate" at least visually, dominated the room.

There were no real surprises - as expected, the candidates differ on education, taxes, women issues and more.

Snow said his primary concern is creating jobs and expanding education opportunities for students in NC schools because education is key to success in the mountain districts and the state, and this year's legislative budget cut \$650 million

in education – which has been harmful to economic recovery. To compete for jobs, NC needs an educated workforce so support of public schools, community colleges and universities is absolutely essential, he said.

"Education is the way we get ourselves out of the recession. The cuts from pre-K through higher education have led to larger class sizes, loss of education jobs and big tuition hikes, as well as more expensive loan packages for students," he said.

"Forty-five percent of jobs require a college education and the Republicans have made getting that education harder during a recession Tuition hikes of 23% in community colleges which is where we train our workforce; a 10% increase in loans at higher institutions. So the Republicans didn't raise taxes but it cost you because they have raised fees for everyone while giving a tax break to the wealthy but made it harder to go to a community college."

He said the purpose of government is to build families up; help provide honest work so they can take care of their families. He said public safety is key as is a community free of

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THE PLATEAU'S POSITION

• LETTERS •

Lincoln and Roosevelt had it hard, too

Dear Editor,

Since the author of the letter "Still think he's the Antichrist" which ran in the Aug. 9 edition of Highlands Newspaper states he's not supposed to talk about religion or politics in public, but he quotes Jackie Gleason's saying of "I got a big mouth" – I hope he realizes that was when Jackie usually screwed up with that BIG MOUTH as did the author when stating that "the worst problems any incoming President has ever had to face."

I would ask the author if he has ever heard of presidents by the last name of Lincoln or Roosevelt?

> Robert Chambers Highlands/Panama City Beach, FL

Thanks for wide range of views

Dear Editor,

Recently I picked up a copy of Highlands Newspaper, looking for a contractor to help me with some maintenance projects. I was able to find the man I was looking for through your ads.

I have glanced at your paper from time to time and have enjoyed the wide range of views you so graciously allow to be expressed in your paper. I almost agree with Don Swanson on climate change, immigration, Obamacare, the Keystone Pipeline and much more.

Climate change, so called global warming, is a joke and there are huge profits for those benefiting from it. Obamacare – Nancy, we are starting to see what's in it and it doesn't look good!

Let's elect a sheriff for president and let him handle illegal immigration. We need work for American citizens and we need to stop granting countless work visas that aid big business.

As for the pipeline? Would this really help Americans, using the power of eminent domain to power grab public and private property for a conduit to carry oil to the highest bidder? How much of this pipeline is foreign-owned? What is extracted from our land should be used and consumed on this continent.

One letter to the editor recently mentioned Russ Limbaugh and Hannity, but the writer failed to mention Rachel Maddow, Chris Matthews, the anchors of all the major networks and Glen Beck. If we are going to name names, let's spread the blame because there is enough media bias to go around.

I don't type or do the Internet. All I know is what I read in the newspapers and watch on TV. Seems like your paper is telling it like it is.

On the local level I am so thankful for our first-responders, the emergency room physicians. They were there when Mary Anne, Dianne and I needed them on several occasions.

I would like to see our town vehicles stay in the town of Highlands, especially police vehicles. Wouldn't it be cheaper to give our finest mileage allowances than furnish them with expensive police cars to show visibility in several counties?

Philip Powell Highlands

Trashing a time honored tradition

Dear Editor,

The League of Woman Voters has a time honored tradition of providing a neutral platform for information and the exchange of ideas on issues of importance to the public. Senator Jim Davis and his supporters high jacked the August 9th meeting and turned it into a political rally. They brought dishonor

to themselves by trashing this time honored tradition. Their "red shirt" tactics included arriving early to grab strategic seats, loud inappropriate bursts of applause and stomping while Davis was speaking.

It is significant to remember that during presidential debates the moderators are careful to caution the audience to refrain from applause and other disruptions while each speaker is talking. This is common curtsey. Perhaps the fact that Davis refused all previous invitations to speak at the League of Woman Voters explain why he and his supporters were ignorant of the proper behavior expected in a neutral forum. Should the "Red Shirts" decide to attend future L.W.V. meetings they need also be aware of the fact that the lunches are not free.

Margery Abel Franklin NC

Chick-fil-A and the view of gay marriage

Dear Editor,

The owner, Dan Cathy, of Chick-fil-A has been under great criticism for his position of not supporting gay marriage. This criticism not only has come from government officials but universities, where the root meaning of uni-versity is a unified and diversity of thought and discussion of ideas for life and living.

Sadly, it seems in many settings if you oppose the position of the other you are considered an extremist or have some type of phobia and are discredited.

The discussion of gay marriage has two parts that are distinct from one another; one is legalization of marriage, and the other is gay rights.

The universal thought of most societies has been that marriage is between a man and a woman. This is not just the Judea Christian value system but also under a natural system as well.

Marriage is the bond between man and woman in the furthering of the family -- the family can become diverse, but the man and woman cannot. Members within the family can be as varied as in gay or straight, as some would say, or even to the extremes of human behavior. But we all, whatever your bent is, have been derived, begotten, or created from a man and a woman. There is no other way we have come into being.

If God had more than one way humanity could be created, it would make sense it would be something that we could follow.

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Principal Brian Jetter, "the students are fond of him, but he also works them hard and they learn a great deal from him, whether it be in his class or on the soccer field." Green has enjoyed his time at Highlands and has no plans to leave anytime soon. "This is such a great place to work," said Green, "the kids are great, there is great parent support and it is a great community -- I am very happy to be here."

The 2011-12 Support Person of the Year award was given to Custodian Mary Greene. Greene is also originally from Franklin, and is entering her 5th year at Highlands School. Greene is loved throughout the school for her sense of humor and her friendly personality. Principal Jetter praised Greene's contributions to the school, saying that "she is a joy to be around because of her outgoing personality, as well as her work ethic and leadership. Mary is organized, works very hard, and she is a leader because she leads by doing."

Greene has loved her tenure at Highlands School thus far and is looking forward to another good school year. "The school is small," said Greene, "but it is a great place to be because the people are so friendly and everyone here just seems to

get along so well."

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But he in his divine creation set in motion the things that can be logically followed and easily understood. To make this into something it is not, is like saying a ball is the same as an orange because there both round. We may want to define this differently but the creation definition cannot change.

The second part is the rights of the individual, which I fully agree. I'm sad to see that many want special rights for color, ethnicity, or for a variety of differences. I prefer, "human rights," where we all band as one, there's no distinction, we work as a united people or a united family, as God intended. This is what the people before us had in mind that God has indwelled to us certain unalienable rights, freedom of life, freedom of liberty, and to pursuit of happiness. This can only work its best if we credit or follow the one who instilled this within us.

With this being said, our early nation's beginning didn't model this well when slavery was present. The mindset was how could we run our economy without slavery? We lost our vision and the value of life. But thanks to a man of faith, Wilbert Wilberforce, who through hard criticism endured a long 26 years and fought to defeat the darkness of slavery in Europe, influenced America as well.

We as individuals are most valued and

respected of all creation because we are created in His image, have faith in Christ, even though at times not best represented (self included) and we should always try to reflect what he has given us and then to have this spill out from us freely...... just as He did. (1 John 4:7 ...) Keep thinking

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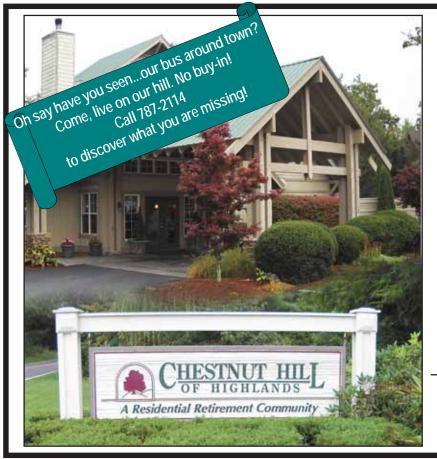
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LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Don't Sikh and destroy

'm bettin' you're thinking a satire clown like me would know absolutely nothing about the Sikh religion. Ha, wrong, hummus breath! And if you had a search engine that could look through over 400 columns I've written for two newspapers over the last eight plus years, you would discover the following statements made by li'l ole me concerning the Sikhs and religion in general:

Religion and the practice of religion is the single most deadly cause of violence,

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death and bloodshed in all of recorded history, including all our wars.

The Sikh religion is neither Hindu nor Muslim but like all religions, has its extremists and are the ones I like to call the 'crazies.'

The Sikh religion accepts Jesus Christ as one of God's greatest prophets and honors his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, even more than some Protestant religions.

I've lost track of the exact year the Sikhs found me but I remember it was on 4th Street in Highlands. I'm guessing it was the early



with Fred Wooldridge Feedback is encouraged! askfredanything@aol.com

pelling business, teaching visitors and tourists how to descend the mighty cliffs of Highlands. As I rolled up 4th Street toward Spring St, I looked through my rearview mirror and saw a carload of bearded men wearing turbans closely tailgating my Jeep. I slid my revolver to a ready position and watched. Then they turned onto Spring

nineties and I was in the rap-

St. and disappeared.

That evening, I received a call from a man who described himself as a clan leader of Sikhs from Miami. He had spotted the ad

on the wheel cover of my Jeep, drove his car up close and copied the phone number. (To protect these people from bigots of Highlands, I'll not mention names.) The Sikh on the phone wanted me to teach his clan to rappel and to use the sport as a character builder and a way to face life's fears.

Over the next eight or nine years, I put hundreds of Sikhs off the edge of cliffs in and around Highlands. I got to know them quite well. Except for their crazies, who were not part of my students, the Sikhs I have come in contact with are among the most peace-loving religions. Note: At one point, I did witness a twelve year old pull a knife from his turban and throw it at a tree eight

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Money doesn't buy everything

e're staying at a lovely inn in Key West - which is not to say it is not without

Local lore describes our cottage as a former slave cabin. The corners of the pool area are remnants of either a tobacco warehouse or a cistern. Pick your favorite story. Citizens of the Conch Republic are at ease with either explanation. The pool is rather spectacular with tile walls and thick

Dr. Henry Salzarulo brick foundations, relics of another time, marking the corners.

Although the place must be considerably more comfortable than it was for earlier slave occupants, the window air conditioner just doesn't cut the mustard. The Simonton Court, at 320 **hsalzarulo@aol.com** that Internet connect was really important to all

Simomton Street, is in Old Town, and just a block from Duvall Street, the aorta, if not the heart of Key West. A brick walk leads from the quiet street to several cottages. Lush



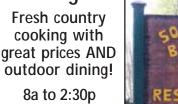
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tropical plants line the walk. A lean black and white cat prowls the property. It would be almost perfect if it weren't so darned hot.

There is another problem, one which an industrial air conditioner could not correct, although off the shelf technology could repair it in a minute. Although the inn advertises WiFi throughout the property, it neglects to say that it is not available inside the rooms. The fact that it is more comfortable outside than in doesn't justify the lapse. I mentioned the inconvenience to the desk clerk who explained that the signal was unable to penetrate the tin roofs of our cottage, a fact not mentioned in the brochure. I explained of us. Lizzie. Bull. and me. and asked to be moved

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feet away....a perfect hit. He was harshly scolded by his parents and not permitted to rappel for the remainder of the day.

One day, while out on a rappel trip, I asked if I could join them for lunch. They usually went off to themselves to eat and pray.

"Please, join us," the leader said.

They had formed a small circle on the ground and one Sikh scooted over to make room for me. "Can you tell me about your religion? I know nothing," I asked as I squatted

The leader spoke first, "The Sikh religion was formed only 500 years ago, the result of twelve hundred years of death and violence by the Hindu and Muslim religions killing each other. Hundreds of thousands of people have been slaughtered in the name of the Hindu and Muslim Gods. So the Sikhs formed a new religion, proclaiming there is only one God. The God of the Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Hebrews, Buddhists and finally Sikhs are all worshiping the same God." I was stunned.

The leader continued, "I was a Catholic from Memphis and I joined the religion in Miami after learning of their teachings. Each new member is sent to India for religious training. When they return and if they still want to be a Sikh, they are assigned a temple; somewhat like Catholic priests, who go

where they are told. Like Muslims and Jews, we don't eat pork. Like many other religions, including Christian Baptists, we don't drink alcohol. Sikhs are a humble nonoffensive religion who prays that their next life will be better than the current one." The Sikhs believe they will live over ten thousand lives. Can you imagine? I'm barely making it through this one.

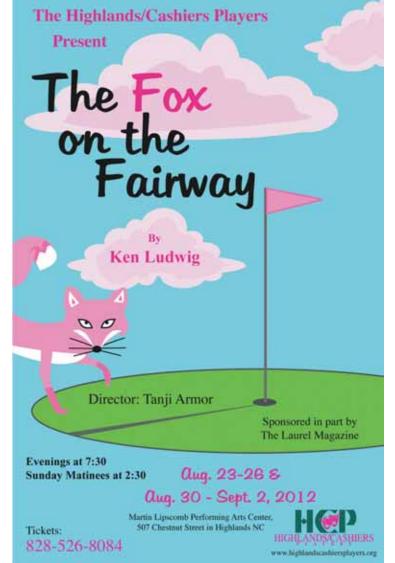
Well, I learned an awful lot about the Sikh religion in that one half hour. Finally, I stood, dusted off my pants and announced, "Okay, let's go rappelling."

A couple of years later, the Sikhs brought a man with them who was terrified of height far beyond the normal fear we all have. He got little sleep the night before and would pray from sunup until the start of class. He asked God to give him the strength and courage to overcome his fears. When it was his turn to go over the cliff, I would meet him at cliff's edge to give him a big hug. He would be trembling and nothing I did or said seemed to help. "Open your eyes. You can't rappel with your eyes closed," I said to him. Shaking almost uncontrollably, over he went.

Later in the day, I asked him, "Why do you do this?" He smiled and proudly said, "Because God knows how horrified I am to do this rappelling and my reward will be great. When we head home to Miami, my achievement is greater than anyone because I overcame the most. Our lives are based on overcoming fear and greater achievement." I was speechless for a response.

Then on September 11, 2001, I lost my Sikh business forever. The leader called from Miami to cancel a scheduled October class. He told me they were going into hiding because they were being blamed for the destruction of the twin towers. I never saw them again. Life was about to become very hard for them.

 Seek Fred out each Saturday morning at the Farmer's Market at the high school where he is peddling his books and praying you'll buy them.



COACH'S CORNER

Some August random thoughts

There are a lot of differ ent things I wanted to write about this week, but couldn't settle on one, so instead you guys (all 3 of you that read this) get some random thoughts.

First, the Olympics are

over and it was a prefty good experience for the US. The folks in red, white and blue tryanpotts@hotmail.com won the overall medal count and Michael Phelps stated his case as possibly the best US Olympian of all time. The US Women's Soccer team played in probably the greatest women's game I have ever seen against Canada and then defeated Japan in the final to avenge their World Cup loss. All in all it was a great summer for America and a hearty congratulations are in order for all of the athletes that represented our country so

well in London. If you ever wondered about the power of the internet, wonder no further. There is a massive smoke storm building around Chapel Hill right now, and it could result in some serious repercussions for UNC's athletic program and academic reputation. The latest controversy relates to the Butch Davis era in which the head of the University's African-American Studies department, Julius Nyang'oro, was found to have offered bogus classes primarily to athletes. UNC's investigation into the matter went as far back as 2007, but a message board poster on a NC State fan board was able to hack UNC's computer system and gain access to a transcript belonging to former two sport athlete and current NFL star Julius Peppers. The transcript appears to show controversial classes in the African-American Studies Department as far back as 2001, which could demonstrate that UNC's investigation into the matter was not thorough enough. Two comments on this matter: first, there are not enough facts at this point to do anything but jump to wild conclusions, so there will be no speculation from me because this could simply be a bunch of smoke. Secondly, how do we view the "fan" of a rival school who discovered this information? If an investigative journalist dug deep and discovered this type of info they would be applauded, but there is something that



Ryan Potts

seems wrong about an opposing fan being able to bring this type of info to the pub-

Preseason football has begun already, and I have to say I enjoyed the heck out of watching Robert Griffin III in his Washington debut. The guy is electrifying, and him, Cam Newton and even that guy playing for the Jets are

three guys who are changing the way people think about the quarterback position in the NFL.

And finally, I watched a great clip of John Cleese on youtube the other day in which he proclaimed that "truly stupid people have no idea just exactly how stupid they really are." Cleese points out that the skills necessary to identify oneself as stupid are not available to stupid people. I would like to provide a rebuttal to that, in that I have identified myself as a truly stupid person. Last week, I wrote a column about my beloved Pirates and AJ Burnett, and promptly jinxed them all by myself. For that, I am a truly stupid, stupid per-

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your system, you may consider a complete mental (and spiritual) checkup.

Anyway, some background, which may be elemental to some of you, but it can't hurt. There used to be, and still are, limits as to how much an individual can give to a political campaign. There was a so-called 527 provision that allowed certain groups to contribute to political causes, but with caveats. Then Citizens United came along. Excerpting from a NYT column: The term is shorthand for a Supreme Court decision that gave



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corporations much the same right to political speech as individuals have, thus removing virtually any restriction on corporate money in politics.

Now, any outside group can use corporate money to make a direct case for who deserves your vote and why. A second change is that the old 527s have now been made effectively obsolete, replaced by the super PAC (Political Action Committee). Super PACs may not make contributions to candidate campaigns or parties, but may engage in unlimited po-

litical spending independently of the campaigns. They can raise funds from corporations, unions and other groups and from individuals, without legal limits.

From Wikipedia: According to Federal Election Commission advisories, Super PACs are not allowed to coordinate directly with candidates or political parties. This is intended to prevent them from operating campaigns that complement or parallel those of the candidates they support. Super PACs have been criticized for relying heavily on negative ads (which, unfortunately, have proven to be effective).

Enough background – now to the story. From the Washington Times: Supporters of President Obama refused to pull a TV ad suggesting that Republican Mitt Romney caused a woman to die from cancer, a commercial that is raising questions about suspected coordination between the Obama campaign and an advocacy group founded by a former White House staffer.

"You know, in the past when somebody pointed out that something was inaccurate, campaigns pulled the ad; they were embarrassed, Mr. Romney said on Bill Bennett's "Morning in America" radio show. "Today, they just blast ahead." But officials at Priorities USA, a super PAC founded by former White House spokesman Bill Burton, showed no signs of canceling the advertisement.

Even some Democrats said the ad crossed the line onto the realm of the underhanded with its strong inference that Mr. Romney has a dead woman's blood on his hands. The ad features steelworker Joe Soptic, who lost his job and health care benefits after Mr. Romney's Bain Capital closed a steel plant in Kansas City, MO, in 2001. He describes how his wife developed cancer and

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Highlanders edge Franklin Panthers in preseason action

By Ryan Potts

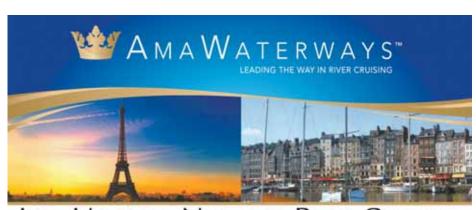
The Highlands Highlander soccer team traveled to Franklin on Saturday to face off with the Panthers in a preseason match that brought about encouraging results for the Highlanders. The Highlanders were facing a great deal of uncertainty, having lost 10 players from last year's squad to graduation and playing without Senior Taylor Osteen, who was sidelined after surgery to remove his wisdom teeth.

Despite the youth, the Highlanders came out very strong, getting early goals from juniors Tyler Munger and Ryan Vinson to take a 2-0 lead in the first half. The Panthers came back strong, scoring three unanswered goals and putting the young Highlanders back on their heels.

It appeared that Franklin would head into halftime with the lead, but with just moments left in the first half, freshman Austin Nichols hammered home an equalizing goal that shifted the momentum back into the favor of the young Highlanders. "That was a big goal for us," said coach Chris Green, "we had started to struggle, and they had all the momentum from scoring three in a row, but after that goal we all exhaled a bit and I think the guys really responded well in the second half."

The second half saw 30 minutes of scoreless soccer, as neither side could break through to retake the lead. However, with 10 minutes to play, sophomore Davis Moore was able to corral a ball in front of the net and blast it home to put the Highlanders up 4-3. It was a lead that the young Highlanders would not relinquish, and they headed up the mountain with a 4-3 victory over the 3A Panthers in their pockets.

Highlands will open the season today with a home match against the Brevard Blue Devils – kickoff is at the Highlands School soccer field at 6p.m.



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A Career in Real Estate: Is It Right for You?

am often asked by clients, associates, and friends what the world of real estate work is truly like, and whether or not I believe pursuing a career in real estate would be a fit for them.

So, what exactly is it like to be a real estate broker?

I have had the great fortune to have worked in a variety of industries – everything from book publishing to nonprofit management to entrepreneurship education to business/entrepreneur consulting and more. What I love about real estate is that it affords me the opportunity to bring together all of my interests, experience, and education. Real estate also enables me to tap into my creative side and express innovative ideas each and every day.

While it is difficult to paint a "day in the life," as every day is very different, on any day, you could do the following: meet with prospective Seller clients, research comparables and cost replacement value, and provide them with an estimate of listing price range for their property; or, you could meet with Buyer clients, listen intently to the kind of property they are seeking, research the properties within their parameters, and show them properties that are potential matches.



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online marketing, social media marketing, and other media exposure by blogging, posting, and keeping fresh content in front of your market's eyes and ears.

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Interested in learning more? Contact a local broker-in-charge and set up a time to meet to discuss the work of real estate agents in more depth. Ask about that firm's philosophy, culture, environment, and approach. It is always a joy for us at White Oak Realty Group to teach others about this fun, exciting, and lucrative industry, as well as share how we work, so let us know if you would like to explore possibilities together.

• Susie deVille, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. Her areas of expertise include real estate investments, niche marketing, social media, and strategic property positioning. An expert in entrepreneurship and anthropology, Susie applies her acumen in human behavior toward negotiating and advocating on behalf of her clients. White Oak Realty Group's sales office is located at 125 South Fourth Street in the heart of the retail district in Highlands. For more information, visit WhiteOakRG.com or call (828) 526-8118.

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Highlands Area Upcoming Events

Through Sun., Aug. 18

 At The Highlands Playhouse, Dames at Sea. Call 828-526-2695 for ticket informaThursday, Aug. 16

• At the Zahner Lecture series 7p at the Nature Center, Dr. Ron Sutherland will talk on the "Eastern Cougar: Their ecological importance and prospects for recovery in the south-

east." The loss of the cougar poses challenges to maintaining the biodiversity of our recovering wildlands. Ron will review recent evidence suggesting the importance of cougars and options for restoring cougar to the South-

- Taize service at Our Lady of the Mountains at 5:30 p.m.
- · Movie at the Cashiers Library at 4p.Chariots of Fire.
- Ballroom Dancing at the Franklin (NC) Community Building, HWY 411 South across from "Whistle Stop Mall" Thursday from 6;30 to 9pm. Music by "Swingtime Band" For more information, call 828-369-9155.

· Rev. Al Sizemore, Pastor of Scaly Mountain Church of God Administrative Bishop John and Marion Lataster will be ministering at the Scaly Mountain Church of God at 7 p.m. The Latasters are Overseers of the Church of God in the Netherlands and Rev.

Lataster is a powerful minister of the Word. Everyone is welcome to attend. Friday, August 17

• The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 6:30-9p. Stan Russell from Greenville, SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be a Plus Workshop from 6:30-7p Everyone is welcome. For more information call 828-349-0905, 828-524-4930, 828-524-2280, or www.highmountainsquares.org.

Sat., Aug. 18

- · At The Hen House on Main Street, Sallies Greatest Herbal Jams, sampling, tasting and recipes - 10:30a-4:30p.
- At The Bascom: Members Challenge: Couples. The Oening reception is from 5-7 pm. It is free and open to the public. The exhibition will run through October 14.
- The Highlands Plateau Greenway monthly work trip this Saturday. Register with Shaffner by emailing highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leaving a message at 828-526-5622. Participants will be furnished the necessary tools and safety equipment.

Tues., Aug. 21

 Board Certified Plastic and Hand Surgeon Dr. Robert Buchanan will present "Turning Back the Clock - Anti-aging Secrets" at 12 noon in the Jane Woodruff Medical Clinic. Level One. Complimentary lunch will be provided and seating is limited. Call (828) 5261313 to make your reservation.

 At Hudson Library, Deanna Klingel. Author talk, book signing & Vietnamese cui-

Wed., August 22

- Afree Interlude concert presented by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, and are held at 2 pm. Dress is casual. The Mountain Chamber Players from Brevard. Featured musicians will be Larry Black, trumpet; Laura Franklin, marimba; and Katherine Palmer, piano. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church
- A Night of River Cruising, 6 p.m. at 2334 Cashiers Road, across from the Highlands Falls Country Club entrance. Learn about luxury cruising on the world's most scenic rivers. hors d'oeuvres and wine served. Sponsored by Bryan and Tricia Cox of Cruise One. 828-356-7920.

Thurs., Aug. 23-26

· HCP's presents an uproarious, laugh-out-loud new Ken Ludwig comedy, "The Fox on the Fairway." Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Call 526-8084 for tickets.

Thursday, August 23

• At the Zahner Lecture series 7p at the Nature Center, Dr. Karen Kandl, associate director at HBS, will speak on "Biodiversity of the Southern Appalachians: Learning outside of the classroom." She will discuss examples of place-based learning at the HBS, and how teachers can use these meth-

Empty Bowls-a-thons goal: 1,000!



Be a part of The Bascom's The Empty Bowls-a-thon workshops goal of 1,000 bowls. Register to participate in a free workshop, Tuesday-Thursday, August 28-30 from 10 am - 4 pm. And on Friday, August 31, come see the "Pros Throw" from 10 am - 4 pm.

The Bascom's Outreach program needs your help! Come donate your time to our annual Empty Bowl-a-thon, 3-days of bowl making in the Dave Drake Studio Barn, Tuesday-Thursday, August 28-30 from 10 am - 4 pm.

All bowls made during the workshop will be donated to local food pantries as part of the Empty Bowls Project, a grassroots movement to fight world hunger. After last year's success, we are raising our goal from 600 bowls to 1,000 bowls! All bowls made during the workshop will be donated to local food pantries as part of the Empty Bowls Project, a grassroots movement to fight world hunger.

As a culminating event for the Empty Bowls-a-thon, several professional potters, including Pat Taylor, Ned Turnbull, Rob Withrow, Mike Lalone and Harry Souchon will donate their time to throwing bowls on Friday, August 31 from 10 am-4 pm. A reception in the Dave Drake Studio Barn will follow at 4 pm.

You may sign up for as many hours as you like, with a minimum of two hours. All skill levels are welcome: wheel throwing for intermediate and advanced levels and hand-building for beginner levels.

Recommended for ages 18 and up. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register for the Empty Bowls-a-thon, visit TheBascom.org or contact online or contact Will Barclift at 828.787.2897.

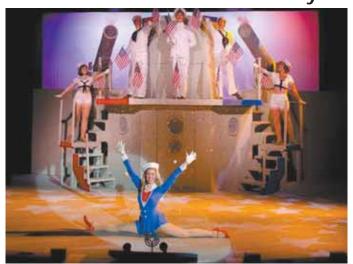
The Bascom is open year-round - Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 pm. Enjoy workshops, exhibitions, special events and quality programs throughout the year at The Bascom. For more information, to register for Bascom workshop offerings or for more details on all Bascom activities,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

Carden coming to **Hudson Library**



Gary Carden, storyteller and humorist, will once again visit Highlands at the Hudson Library on Tuesday, August 28 at 4 pm to share excerpts from his latest work, "Outlander," a play about the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The outlander is Horace Kephart, travel writer and librarian, who in the 1920s had a desire to come to the mountains of North Carolina. Gary will be discussing the play along with sharing some of the stories from the creation of this national park. Much of the dialogue in the play connects to the mountain families who had lived on this land for several generations. This is an issue that 'natives' are still sensitive about today. Copies of his play will be available for pur-

'Dames at Sea' ends Sunday



The Highlands Playhouse production of Dames at Sea closes this weekend, with its final performance on the evening of August 18th. The show, a take on the classic musicals of the 1920s and 1930s has been delighting audiences for three weeks, achieving critical acclaim and regular standing ovations. Tickets for this incredible show can be purchased by calling the box office at 828-526-2695.

Highlands Area Upcoming Events

ods with students of all ages.

· At Hudson Library, Michael Hardy. Lecturer on Civil War in Western North Carolina. 4:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 24-25

 At the Hen House on Main Street. Ray Pottery Signing 10a to 5p each day.

Saturday, Aug. 25

• PUTT PUTT FOR LIFE, 9am-11am Highlands Fall Country Club. Come enjoy championship quality putt putt golf in Highlands! Special Fred Gehrish designed 18 hole putt putt course on the Croquet Field at HFCC. Cost is \$20 and prizes for kids, teenager, and adult categories. For more information contact Mike Murphy at epimcm@hotmail.com or 828-526-1841. Bring your own putter if you have one. Putters will be available for use.

Sunday, August 26

- · Relay for Life "Live Auction" Scudders Auction House, 3-5pm, featuring fabulous one-of-a-kind items, packages and vacations. Questions? call Debbie Grossman at 828-421-2144 or Ellen Bauman at 838-
- · At First Presbyterian Church, Kirking of the Tartans at the 11 a.m. service. Dr. Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching and Coordinator of the Initiative in Religious Practices and Practical Theology at the Candler School of Theology at Emory, will serve as special quest minister for that worship service. To carry a banner call Skip Taylor at 526-4280 or the First Presbyterian Church at 526-3175.

Monday, Aug. 27

· The main fundraiser for Dr. Baumrucker's Bolivia mission, an auction at the Cullasaja Club on Monday, begins at 5:30p The \$125 cost of admission includes dinner, a silent auction and a live auction conducted by Al Scudder of Scudder Galleries. Vallet parking will be provided. The auction features jewelry fashioned by local jewelers from stones brought from Bolivia, many Bolivian artifacts and several golf packages donated by local country clubs. Tickets can be purchased or more information obtained by calling 526-3605.

Tues.-Thurs., Aug. 28-30

 At The Bascom, a Empty Bowls-athon workshop whose goal is to make 1,000 bowls. 10a-4p. To participate, call 526-4949.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

· American Red Cross, Blood Drive. State Employees Credit Union Blood Drive, 245 Cunningham Road, Franklin 10a to 2:30p. Please call Lawren Cress at 369-3536 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors are automatically entered into a drawing for \$3,000 aift card!

 CLE presents Syria: A Conversation with Sandra Mackey is scheduled for August 28 at 7p at the Highlands Playhouse. ČLE has designated this program as part of its outreach to the plateau community. Therefore admission will be \$10 for both members and non-members.

 At the Hudson Library, Gary Carden will be presenting stories from his latest play, 'Outlander,' a story relating to the creation of the Smoky Mountains National Park, at 4 pm, Hudson Library, 554 Main St. Highlands.

Box office opens for HCP's 'Fox on the Fairway'



Barbara Werder, costumer for the Highlands Cashiers Players, consults with cast members Ronnie Spilton and Lance Trudel on colors and sizes for the costumes they will wear in "Fox on the Fairway," which runs August 23 thru September 2, Thursdays through Sundays at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands, 526-8084.

It's only a week till opening night for "The Fox on the Fairway," the first play of the Highlands Cashiers Players' new season. The box office opens Thursday, August 16, and Friday, the 17th, for season subscribers who may make their seating reservations by calling, 526-8084, or dropping by the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Chestnut Street in Highlands. Beginning Saturday, August 18, reservations will be taken for general tickets. The box office is open 10 a.m. till 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

And it's not too late to become a subscriber to HCP's four-play season. Subscribers get a \$10 discount per subscription, make their seating choices two days before regular tickets go on sale, and have the flexibility of using their tickets any way they wish—one per play or all for one play! Subscriptions may still be purchased by calling 526-8084.

"FOX" opens on Thursday evening, August 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at PAC. It is a wonderfully ridiculous, fast-paced comedy by the acknowledged modern master of farce, Ken Ludwig, in which two rival country clubs, desperate to win the annual tournament, try to bend the rules by adding an illegal top-notch player to the line -up. Romances bloom among young and old and a surprise ending brings all to a happy conclusion, with clever dialogue and big laughs all the way.

The play is sponsored in part by the Laurel Magazine. It runs Thursday, Aug. 23, through Sunday, August 26, and Thursday, August 30, through Sunday, September 2, evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Interlude at First Pres, Aug. 22

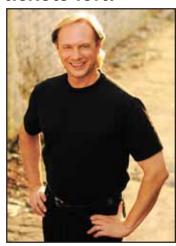


At 2pm on Wednesday, Aug. 22, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will showcase members of The Mountain Chamber Players from Brevard. Featured musicians will be Larry Black, trumpet; Laura Franklin, marimba; and Katherine Palmer, piano. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church. There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts, which constitute a ministry in music to the community. Dress is casual - come as you are. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on 5th Street.

Only a few tickets left!







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Donald E. Viens

Donald E. Viens, 64, of Highlands, passed away Saturday, August 11, 2012. Born in Miami, FL, he was the son of the late Ernest Viens and Exzilia Paulhus Viens. Donald was a culinary chef and started the Fireside Inn Restaurant in Highlands.

He was of the Catholic faith. He is survived by six children, Michelle Bennette of LaBelle, FL, Donnie Viens of Ft. Myers, FL, Justin Viens of Atlanta, GA, Lindsey Carver of New York, NY, Caresa Viens of Atlanta, GA and Adam Viens of Waynesville, NC; three sisters, Gail Fulwood of Winter Haven, FL, Judy Splawn of The Villages, FL and Joan Peoples of Lyons, GA and nine grandchildren. Don was a loving, caring, and generous father, brother, friend, and chef. His sense of humor, infectious smile, and delicious food will greatly be missed.

A Memorial Service will be held at Ruka's Table (the old Fireside Inn Restaurant) in Highlands on Saturday, August 18, 2012 from 1:30-3 p.m. Please come with fun stories and good memories you have of Don to celebrate his

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to another room, or cottage if you prefer, as he seemed to. His answer was a less than satisfactory. "they're all the same."

I searched around until I found the router peeking out from a louvered window on the third floor of must have been the master's house. Despite the fact that it was a straight line of sight from the router to the pool, we were still unable to get connected. I even told the clerk, somewhat disingenuously, that I was a columnist and needed to be connected. If he was impressed, he didn't show it. He offered no solution to our problem. Bull and I found a sweet spot on the porch of the main house, and as of this moment, occupants have made no attempt to remove us.

SWANSON from 8

dies and implies that her death was Mr. Romney's fault.

It turns out that Mr. Soptic's wife died in 2006, five years after the plant closed. She had her own health insurance even after her husband became unemployed, but lost her coverage when she, too, lost her job (not at the hands of Bain). Some democrats have condemned the ad. Former Rep. Joe Sestak (PA-D) called it "over the edge." Lanny Davis, who was an advisor to President Clinton, said the ad is "disgusting." Mika Brzezinsji, a progressive co-host of the "Morning Joe" show on MSNBC, accused Obama campaign officials of "not telling the truth" about how much they knew about the commercial.

Robert Gibbs (another professional liar) an Obama campaign adviser, and deputy campaign manager Stephanie Cutter have said they knew nothing about the details of the woman's illness and that they had nothing to do with the ad. "You know we don't have anything to do with Priorities USA...I don't know the facts of when Joe Soptic's wife got sick or when she died," Ms. Cutter said.

Obama campaign officials have good reasons to deny any knowledge about the ad. One is that federal election law prohibits coordination between a candidate's campaign and a third party group such as Priorities USA. Skeptics point out the mr. Gibbs served as White House press secretary when Mr. Burton was his deputy for about two years in the first half of Mr. Obama's term.

Mrs. Cutter's claim of ignorance has been met with even greater incredulity, given that she hosted a conference call for reporters May 14th that featured Mr. Soptic. After Mr. Soptic told the media about his job loss and his wife's diagnosis, Ms. Cutter said on the call, "Thank you, Joe. We really appreciate you sharing your experiences."

They have no shame.

I am a guy who had no interest in computers until 1997 or '98. I was in Haiti. Michigan was playing Penn State for supremacy of the Big Ten. I wondered around who had won the game and one of my computer savvy buddies said that we could get "on line" at the computer lab and get the score. I must admit that my skepticism, more than interest in the game, prompted me to join a group that crossed a rocky field to the computer lab. We didn't get the score. Such was the state of electronic communication in Haiti in those days, when the world wide web excluded the wretchedly poor island.

Today, we are in a tizzy when we can't get connected. There are escape resorts that promote their isolation, believing, or claiming to believe, that busy people really want to get away and get unconnected. It doesn't seem to apply to anybody in my family. We'll try to get a refund tomorrow and move to another hotel. If the manager refuses, I guess we'll just slit our wrists.





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our room is in the mid to upper 70s. Did I mention inadequate air conditioning? Lizzie told me we're spending \$400 per night to stay here. If I want to rough it, I'll pay \$20 or \$30 and stay at Jellystone Campground. I'll be a bit more insistent with the manager than I had planned. A hot sleepiness night can do much to steel resolve. If he refuses a refund, I'll promise to report everything I've told you to tripadvisor.com. I may omit mention the lovely pool and the lush vegetation which seem pretty insignificant right now.



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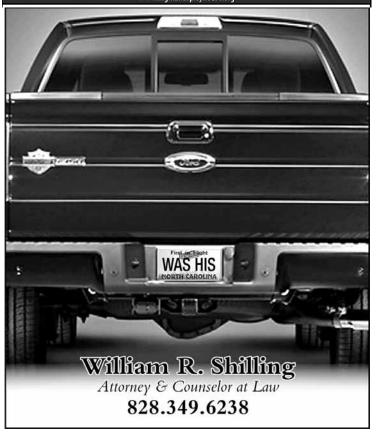
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crime and drugs. we are at a crossroads in NC. "When it comes to education, There's even talk in Raleigh of



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privatizing education, of getting businesses involved and using a voucher system. If we lose public education for our people we are in serious trouble," he said.

Snow also said he wants to revamp the 30-year-old tax structure that doesn't work well in a recession because the money coming in isn't as much as it was before people lost their jobs. He said the corporate tax structure is the highest in the northeast.

He said when government looks at reducing spending, it must make sure it isn't doing something that will harm those who depend on the state for help. Like when the Republicans defunded Planned Parenthood, they took away something women depended on – domestic wellness, said Snow.

These are issues that are important to women. That includes health tests and daycare

funding. If we don't have daycare, women can't work. Thousands of kids lost funding for Smart Start which affected more women than men. Davis said he is running

proudly on what the Republicans have amassed.

"When Snow was in the Senate he voted for a temporary tax increase on people in the state. That was the wrong thing to do. We returned money to people because we think the people who earned it know best how to spend it. The first \$50,000 in NC is free of income tax," he said.

He said he voted for tax decreases and made government more efficient.

"We need a zero-based budget. We have to justify every dime of what we spend of the folks' money. We need to invest where it does good and not waste it."

He claimed the state budget reflects that Republicans support education and hasn't heard any talk about privatizing education but said competition is good and people should have the freedom to send their kids where they want to. "They should get a tax break if they want to leave the public sector for private," he said.

He said Republicans restored 273 teachers and have more K-3 classes and teachers and said even with the increase in tuition, community college is still a great deal.

Davis claimed most of what Planned Parenthood did was abortions. "So we took that money and gave it to public health departments. I believe the more lives we save the better. It's true that women have been suffering more in this economy, but a lot of that is due to their own choices. Most abortions are to unwed mothers and every kid deserves parents."

Davis said he shares Snow's passion for reforming the tax structure. "I believe in the Fair Tax. Let's get rid of the IRS and Dept. of Revenue. We need serious tax reform. We need to make our county and state competitive. We need to change the corporate tax from 6.9% to 4.9% and get government off the backs of businesses." - Kim L.

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DVT, photography and Syria coming up at CLE

By Judy Blitch Gartside

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Deep Vein Thrombosis: The Silent Killer: Friday,
 Aug.17; 10a to noon; Highlands Cashiers Hospital –
 Jane Woodruff Building;
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Michael S. Oleksyk, M.D. from Wright State University School of Medicine, Board Certified Internist from Pensacola, FL, where he is a Hospitalist and Vice President of Medical Affairs for Baptist Health Care, Inc., is a Clinical Assistant Professor at F.S.U. College of Medicine.

• DIGITAL PICTURES 101: Picasa I: Tuesday, Aug. 21; 10a to noon; Peggy Crosby Center Board Room; members \$35, non-members \$45.

- DIGITAL PICTURES 102: Picasa II: Thursday, Aug. 23; 10a to noon; Peggy Crosby Center Board Room; members \$35, non-members \$45. Bob Sutton will also lead this class.
- SYRIA: A Conversation with Sandra Mackey; 7p Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Highlands Playhouse. CLE is offering

this program as part of its outreach to the plateau community, so admission will be only \$10 for members and non-members. Sandra Mackey is a recognized voice on the Middle East who divides her time between Atlanta and Highlands. She is currently serving on the CLE board.

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The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust funded the sign

Tea Party rallies at Davis/Snow forum



On Thursday, August 9, the Macon County Republican Party organized a rally of support for Senator Jim Davis. Senator Davis and former Senator John Snow participated in a Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters at Tartan Hall in Franklin. After meeting at the Republican Headquarters in Franklin, about forty members of the Macon GOP made the trek up to Tartan Hall where they first held "Davis" signs of support along Church Street outside Tartan Hall. The Republican supporters, with their red "Re-Elect Senator Jim Davis" tee shirts on, made up about seventy-five percent of the attendees at the forum. The well organized rally clearly indicated that Macon County is Jim Davis country. Photos of the rally can be found on the Macon County Republican Party's facebook page.

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The Club was established in 1987 by Arvida and became a private, memberowned Club in 2000.

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there is a myriad of venues. The Dining Room, the Terrace, the Pavilion, the Grill and the Lounge -- all offering elegant, yet casual, mountain ambiance. Pictured are Ed and Sharon Woods, founding members of Cullasaja Club.

New Democrat precinct headquarters opens with a bang



On August the 2nd over 100 Democrats gathered at the Peggy Crosby Center for a High Country Boil and the official opening of the Highlands Democratic Precinct Headquarters and store. Among the speakers were John Snow, candidate for the NC Senate, Macon County Commissioner, Bobby Kuppers, a representative for US Congressional candidate Hayden Rogers and Ed Morris, the Chairman of the Macon Country Democratic Party.

The Highlands Democratic Precinct Headquarters and store is located on the bottom level of the Peggy Crosby Center. If you would like more information please call 828,200,9717

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business – through a grant to the town for the surveillance system and a peer leadership program/club – to see Gilliam's death was not in vain.

There are 34 cameras set up throughout the Rec Park – inside and out, including the town ballfield. Every camera can be viewed on the screen at the Rec Park as well as at the police station. There are 18 cameras set up at Highlands School to view entrance points to all buildings, hallways, the two gyms, parking lots and ball fields which are monitored on a computer screen in the office and at the police station.

Though no one sits in front of the monitors 24/7, activity from each camera is recorded both on site and at the police station and kept for four months before the system rewrites itself.

All involved, Police Chief Bill Harrell, Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter and Rec Park Director Lester Norris say that is what's best about the system.

"Truthfully, you forget the cameras are there," said Jetter. "But then when a student situation arises we have a resource that allows us to look at the tapes to see what happened and to show the students and their parents what really happened."

Chief Harrell and Norris echoed Jetter saying the system has helped clarify numerous incidents.

"The idea is to deter criminal activity and drug transactions, but this has already helped resolve some situations that were thought to be criminal and turned out not to be." said Harrell.

Jetter said neither he nor Vice Principal Jim Draheim have ever worked in a school under surveillance, but now see it as a great resource. "It's a way to settle differences between versions of the same event but also in today's climate and time it offers security and serves as a deterrent," said Jetter.

Chief Harrell said he'd like to have a few cameras set up on Main Street which would help the department solve shoplifting cases – particularly what vehicle a suspect gets into – but though discussed, that is not part of the program at this time.

- Kim Lewicki

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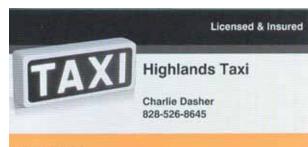


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This 9th day of August, 2012.

Rebecca R. Shuler, Town Clerk

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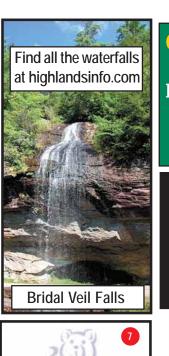
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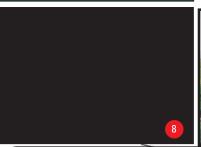
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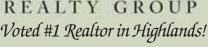
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