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• Highlands Farmers Market at Highlands School from 9a to noon, through October.

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Through Fri., Sept. 21

• Bank of America in Highlands is taking up donations of supplies for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society at the bank.

Thursday Sept. 20

• Taize on the Mountain at 6:30 p.m. at the Kelsey/Hutchinson Park on Pine Street in Highlands. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. (Please, no alcohol or pets) ALL are welcome!

Sept. 22-Oct. 11

• Macon County Girls Basketball Sign-ups will begin on Sept. 22 and go through Oct. 11. For ages 6-18. The cost to register is \$35. For more information contact Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey of The Highlands Parks and Recreation Department at 828-526-3556.

Sat., Sept. 22

• Scaly Mountain Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Old Scaly School House on the corner of Highway #106 and Buckknob Road. A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. You can also order "take out."

• Employees of Bank of America and the C-H Humane Society will be outside the bank from 9a-noon taking up donations and supplies and the Humane Society will have pets available for adoption.

Monday, Sept. 24

• The next meeting of the Art League of Highlands will be Monday in The Bascom library at 3 p.m. From 4-5 p.m.

## Encroachment requests on TB agenda

Tonight, Thursday, Sept. 20, the Town Board will consider two encroachment requests – one from Old Edwards Inn concerning Spring Street and one from the Glass family on Worley Road.

As the Spring Street one-way configuration nears completion, Old Edwards Inn (OEI) is requesting permission to build traffic control and landscaping islands on the street.

The plan, designed by Lupoli

Construction, defines the location of islands within the right-of-way of Spring Street that will help with traffic control by narrowing the travel way and more clearly defining the edge of parking and

• See ENCROACHMENT page 13

## Meadows and Rogers face off at League Q&A

– Part 1 –

On Thursday, Sept. 13, the Macon County League of Women Voters held a Question and Answer Forum between Democrat Hayden Rogers and Republican Mark Meadows who are running for the 11th Congressional in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Moderator Susan Erwin said there would be five questions that centered on the following topics:

The health of the economy and what you hope to do about it, Medicare and social security, Women's health and welfare issues, What differentiates you from your opponent, and finally discussion of any other issue you would like to cover including your general philosophy and closing remarks.

Since the candidates' answers were lengthy, answers to questions one and two will be re-

• See LEAGUE Q&A page 12

## Dry Falls opening Sept 21



Dry Falls park has been closed since April while the trail from the parking lot to the falls was repaired. On Friday, Sept. 21, Mike Wilkins, USFS ranger of the Nantahala District and President of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Bob Kieltyka will meet at the falls for a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. to officially open the park.

Photo: Jim Lewicki

## County hears from DOT/Sheriff

Citizens will be glad to know that Highlands is still in the NC Department of Transportation's

sites – this time concerning the area's secondary roads.

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## JMCA offers sustainable solutions for town

– Part 5 –

By Michelle Price  
J-MCA

Over the last four weeks the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance has offered sustainable solutions for Highlands.

This week culminates the series beginning with additional Energy and Water Conservation recommendations from technical experts before embarking on health recommendations.

Whether any of the report is considered by the Highlands Town Board remains to be seen. Many suggestions would require government intervention in the form of rules, regulations, even ordinances and therein lies the rub.

Energy and Water Conservation recommendation wrap-up:

Endorse more efficient use of energy and water. Develop and Implement an energy management plan. Assign staff position that includes responsibility for utilities management, including current energy use and energy savings measures implemented and dollars saved.

Energy Management Plan should include efficiency guide-

• See J-MCA page 22

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### The truth about affordable housing

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to columnist Fred Wooldridge's piece about affordable housing that ran in the Aug. 30 edition. With all due respect to Mr. Wooldridge, it is apparent that he doesn't know anything about "low cost housing."

Having been involved in the finance and development of over 100 communities in the past 20 years, let me correct the perpetuation of all his misconceptions. First, this type of housing is most often referred to as affordable housing or low-income housing. These developments are built by private developers who utilize subsidies to finance the apartments. These subsidies allow for less debt and in return the developers agree to charge lower rents, simple as that.

These apartments cost the same and look the same as conventional market-rate apartments, they are just financed differently. The residents must qualify for the rent like any other apartment tenant, must have a positive history of renting, and must have adequate credit. The projects to which Mr. Wooldridge refers were built by HUD and have subsidized rents, which is an enormous difference.

HUD hasn't built a project in at least 30 years. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 created the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program to give incentives to private developers to build affordable housing. This program is one of the great successes of public-private partnerships and proved that the government has no business developing housing.

Does Highlands need affordable housing? Highlands is becoming more of a year-round community every day and its businesses need a stable reliable work force. This means a work force which, perhaps does not have to drive 45 minutes each way to commute to work. Many resort communities have the same issues, Key West and Aspen come to mind. The argument, of course, is that businesses such as Old Edward Inn will benefit at the expense of the taxpayer.

First, most of the subsidies are federal

or state programs and do not impact the Town of Highlands. Second, if local businesses are more productive, each pays taxes which benefit the town.

Mr. Wooldridge appears to not want "those types of people" who live in affordable housing in Highlands. I have news for you Mr. Wooldridge. The developments I own are for low income seniors and have retired police officers, firefighters, and veterans living there. You already are one of "those types people," as we all are, and just don't know it.

Jim Dyal  
Highlands and Tampa, FL

### Fred; Forget the Box, you crossed that 'Thin Blue Line'

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to Fred Wooldridge's column in the Sept. 13 edition "I'm out of the box."  
His last article revealed how he and some of his fellow Miami police officers thought outside the box. The box you went beyond was the United States Constitution. Unless Florida is different from other states, when you became a police officer

er you placed your hand on the Bible and took a sworn oath. Included in that oath was that you would uphold and defend the Constitution.

The actions he seemed to relish recounting were more in keeping with a terrorist militia

organization rather than a law enforcement organization. Our founders insisted on adding to the Constitution the first 10 amendments, also known as the Bill of Rights. Regardless of any perceived action for the common good, they feared government officials would abuse their constitution authority against individual citizens and minority groups. The Constitution is foundational "box" that checks power beyond the law.

I suspect Supreme Court Justices, like the conservative civil libertarian Antonin Scalia, would view his article with great concern, or even disdain. For that matter everyone should.

Patrick Taylor  
Highlands

### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

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### • THANK YOU's •

As chair of this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Highlands, I would like to thank the residents and businesses of Highlands for their generosity and support. Some 24 teams participated in this year's event and raised more than \$106,000 to help fight for every birthday threatened by every cancer here and throughout the world. This outstanding show of support proves that the people of Highlands stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the American Cancer Society to achieve its mission of saving lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and fighting back.

We were honored to be joined by more than 50 survivors who walked the opening Survivors Lap, officially kicking off this year's event. These survivors are the reason we continue the fight. Their participation inspires hope in those currently battling cancer. A special thanks to the many Relay For Life volunteers who worked to make this event a success and to our 75 sponsors that helped us achieve our fundraising goals.

• See THANKS page 8





# • OBITUARIES •

## Dorothy Cutrer Lard

Dorothy Cutrer Lard (Dot), a loving mother and homemaker, passed away on September 17, 2012 in Baton Rouge, LA.

Born Christmas Eve 1917 on the family farm in Mount Hermon, LA, Dot often reminisced about riding in her grandparent's buggy while it was pulled by the family horse, Easter.

Dot graduated from Baton Rouge High School and Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson, MS. Until declining health prohibited long-distance travel, Dot spent the summer months in her Highlands, NC, log cabin.

Daughter of the late Cecile S. and Tal-mage H. Cutrer, Dot was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Goodall, niece DeVergne Goodall, and husband Lawson A. Lard, Jr. She is survived by her family: daughter, Lisa and husband Roy H. Coleman of Osyka, MS; son, Lawson A. Lard, III (Gus) and wife Jan of Baton Rouge and Highlands, NC; grandson, Roy H. Coleman, Jr. (Cole) of Watson, LA; four step-grandchildren, Kristen Hill and husband Donnie of Winston-Salem, NC, Monica Calloway of

Wilmington, NC, Nicholas Woodcox and wife Meghan of El Paso, TX, 1st Lt. Zachary Woodcox and wife Tara of Camp Lejeune,

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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### How 'pickled' are your balls?

No, no, no, this is not a column about canning beets....it's about Pickle Ball. The game was invented during the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island at the home of a United States congressman. (I know, you hate the story already.)

He and his two friends returned from a game of golf and found their families wandering around, their hands in their pockets with nothing to do....which, of course, is what congress folks do most of the time.

Because these clowns didn't waste their time playing Bridge (lucky them), the congressman, in an effort to keep his family and friends entertained, found his dog's whiffle ball lying in the yard, lowered his badminton net and fabricated paddles out of plywood from his nearby shed. TA DA! Pickle Ball was invented.



**with Fred Wooldridge**  
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You see, back in 1965 congressmen were inventive and not the slugs we have running our country today.

The unusual name of the game supposedly received its origin from their family dog, Pickles, who was so ugly it was cute. Pickles was a bulldog ball freak. Can you say "bulldog ball freak" three times real fast? Is that fun, or what?

Pickles would chase the ball, catch it and take off, making for a very short game.

Sooooo, as the story goes, the congressman first called the game Pickle's Ball, not to be confused with Pickle's

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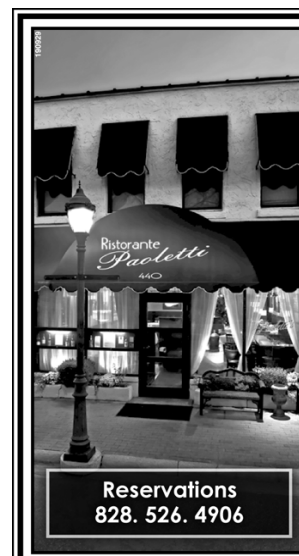


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# • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

## Hawks need to 'fly down'

Where have they been, the hawks clamoring for war against Iran? Even if they have forgotten the tragedy of Vietnam Nam, surely the memory of Iraq and the ongoing adventure in Afghanistan should be fresh in their minds. Many of those who beat the drums for an invasion of Iraq are demanding military action against Iran. Perhaps they think we won the Iraqi war, eliminated weapons of mass destruction, left behind a model democracy and won gratitude for our sacrifice. Maybe they believe we can yet pull a rabbit out of the hat in Afghanistan, some slight of hand that will transform our weary retreat into glorious victory.

America must learn that wars of choice, the use of lethal military force, as an instrument of foreign policy, is neither moral or effective. History will show, in fact is



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already hinting, the invasion of Iraq was indefensible, based as it was on fanciful claims of weapons of mass destruction. Remember our warning to inspectors to flee Iraq before impending invasion. The last thing the Neocons wanted was for them to complete their task and conclude Hussein did not possess WMD's. Iraq was an isolated state. The Muslim world did not rush to the defense of the secular, ruthless, dictator.

Iran is a different story. While its army is surely no match for ours, it is formidable. Iran has agents and proxies among Shia minorities thought the Middle East and southern Asia, warriors who would disrupt American interests in the event of war. The human sacrifice to us and our

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• JUST HERS •

Elementary, My Dear, Part I

When fall is here, I think of going back to school. It doesn't matter that I'm in my 60's, and my school days – at least the ones from elementary through high school – are just memories. I began elementary school at Wayne Hills in September of 1956. Our family had moved to town two years previously, and had only just used up the Welcome Wagon coupons. We lived at the corner of Loudoun Avenue and Gum Street, only a few blocks away from the local elementary school. My older sibling was born in Niskayuna, New York, and attended first through third grades there. (Those who want to wax lyrical about Native American place names may wish to know that Niskayuna means "extensive corn flats," which is not exactly the kind of "land of happy, laughing water" that we hope for in Indian locations.) Niskayuna is east of Schenectady, New York, a big General Electric town, and GE was the reason we moved to Waynesboro.

I don't remember if my mother walked Eric and me to school down Loudoun Avenue and up Fir Street, but I assume she did. My brother was a fourth grader, so he was an old hand at this school business, but I can only imagine my fear and excitement of entering first grade. I wore a plaid dress my mother had hand smocked, and new socks and shoes. My early elementary school teachers are a blur – Mrs. Stickland, Miss Deputy, Mrs. Marshall – I remember them as being kind, helpful ladies.

The only "Michelle" in school (the Beatles song which popularized the name hadn't come out yet), I learned to dread roll call the first day of every school year. The teacher would chuckle and say "Oh, the Principal's office made a mistake. They've put a boy's name in the list of girls." Blushing, I would hold up my hand, and say "I'm sorry, M'am. It's Michelle, not



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Michael." The teacher would invariably stare at me, and intone, "Michelle. That's a French name, isn't it?" to which I would reply "Yes, M'am. My mother is French." This elicited loud laughing among the other students, as if I'd admitted that my mother was, in fact, a Martian.

Few of my elementary school classmates come to mind. I remember a girl named Crystal, who looked rather like a gypsy, with masses of thick, curly, dark hair and rather colorful dresses. She was an amazing artist, drawing horses and human faces when the rest of us could only manage stick figures. My arch nemesis was Lucy Jane, a rather plain girl with ringlets, whose mother was the first real stage mother I encountered. Poor Lucy Jane might have been happier hiding in the background, but her mother actively pushed her daughter to the front of the class, no matter what the occasion.

When our teacher decided we would do a modified version of the Wizard of Oz, Lucy Jane won the coveted role of Dorothy. I was a flower. In the group photo, I am the one on the bottom left ignoring the camera, my petticoat showing. Among the boys, we had a friendly classmate, John, who was albino, a condition which aroused our curiosity briefly, until we came not to notice it at all. One boy was on crutches, and I often caught him looking long-

ingly when we were let out to run in the playground.

He was one of the children in class whose arms and legs reminded us that we were living in the dangerous era of polio. If you're my age or older, you remember the terror this disease struck in the hearts of parents fearing a child left crippled, or one confined to an iron lung. My mother recalls the shutting down of the public pool and cinema in Key West for this reason. During my six years of elementary school, we were vaccinated three times against polio – the first time and second times, by needle, and the last, with a drop of medicine on a sugar cube.

Most of the children in my class already knew each other because their families attended the local church across the street from Wayne Hills Elementary. My family did not go to church. To our mortification, my father would often wait until cars started filing down the street on Sunday morning to mow the front lawn while bare-chested and in shorts.

The mother of one of my classmates decided that it was her mission in life to drive me into the fold. If I happened to be walking home by myself, she would spring out from behind the bushes, grab my arm, and pull me in toward her. "You Godless heathen!" she would hiss at me. "Your family is going straight to Hell, Missy" she sneered, poking me repeatedly in the chest with her finger. Her message was always the same. As long as I stayed with my family, I was condemned to roast in the flames of Eternal Hellfire. My parents didn't love me because it was plain they didn't love Jesus, and only by knowing Jesus could they know real love. She threatened to call Social Services and report my parents, assuring me I would be taken away, and given to another family to receive a proper Chris-



# • COACH'S CORNER •

## Are you suffering from SAD?

I have recently come across a disorder that has been somewhat "under the radar" in the professional psychological community, but I am here to shed some light on the subject.

Sports Affective Disorder (SAD) affects over 70% of all males at some point in their life, and can also be common in women under the right circumstances. SAD can result in many undesirable symptoms and is a leading cause of depression. I am here to share with you today that SAD is a real problem, and I know this because I suffer from SAD on a regular basis.

SAD can be brought on by any number of things related to sports, but the most common occurrence is with fans of losing teams. For example, Chicago and Cleveland residents experience the highest percentage of SAD, but these are by no means the most prevalent areas.

Symptoms of SAD can include, but are not limited to, nausea, depression, upset stomach, the trots, depression, uncontrol-



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lable crying, anger, rage, violence, heavy drinking, insomnia, loss of hair, loss of appetite, weight gain, severe hatred of Clint Hurdle (or whatever coach/manager is contributing to a person's misery) throwing of the remote, foul language, cursing someone or something to hell, blackouts, dementia, screaming, hissing, barking like a dog, booing, whistling, road rage and finally, ice cream binges.

While there are many, many symptoms for SAD, there is only one known cure for the disorder, and that is winning. Not Charlie Sheen WINNING necessarily, but simply winning. For example, for years the New Orleans Saints caused me to develop SAD every fall, but since they won a Super Bowl, even 0-2 starts do not cause an outbreak. While winning can cure this disorder, too much winning can produce an entirely different disorder which is called Entitled Fan Disorder or EFD, but we will have to address that phenomenon at a later date.

In closing, it is important to understand that one cannot contract this disorder without being a fan, and therefore abstaining from sports is the only sure fire way to avoid contracting this devastating disorder.

## Water levels to rise in Nantahala River Sept. 29-30

The By-Pass reach of the Nantahala River, commonly referred to as the Upper Nantahala, will be higher than normal on Sept. 29-30.

Duke Energy will increase water flows in the river from the lake to the power house on the Nantahala River for the two-day period to provide kayakers and other boaters an enhanced whitewater recreational experiences.

On Sept. 29, Duke Energy will release approximately 300 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water into the river for seven hours, resulting in Class IV water conditions in the Cascades Section and less-than optimal flows downstream to the power plant.

On Sept. 30, 425 cfs will be released for five hours, followed by 250 cfs for two hours. The release of 425 cfs results in Class IV+ water conditions on the Cascades Section and Class III-IV downstream.

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The unfortunate side-effect of the information age is that people can become saturated with information and become unable to distinguish between the valuable advice and the cliché. There are plenty of misconceptions about a "buyer's market" and the information available for public consumption.

For example, many buyers assume that if a house has been on the market for a long time that the owners are desperate to sell. While that may be the case, it also could mean that the sellers are firm on a particu-



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lar price, or that they could be unmotivated to sell.

Another common one I see is where buyers come in and want to make an extremely low offer on a property simply because they have read that it is a "buyer's market." While a low offer can sometimes pay off, there is also the chance that the seller is insulted and refuses to negotiate or

the seller could decide to negotiate, but choose to make the transaction more difficult and less timely.

It is precisely these types of misconceptions that make a local REALTOR such a valuable resource for both buyers and sellers. Every market is different, and the Highlands-Cashiers markets present unique opportunities and challenges that local agents have negotiated successfully for years.

Our livelihood is dependent upon offering good advice to folks who are interested in the possibility of a real estate transaction, and offering professional, localized advice ensures that people walk away from a transaction feeling like they made an informed, successful decision.

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The Relay For Life planning committee did an outstanding job of putting the event together. Committee members are Chair/Sponsors, Mike Murphy; Co-Chair, Debbie Grossman; Team Recruitment/Entertainment, Christy Weller; Accounting, Marjorie Crowe & Deb Wilson; Entertainment/DJ, Steve Hott; Logistics, Lester Norris; Luminaria, Martha Hunter; Online Communications, Phil Potts; Marketing/PR, Ellen Bauman; Survivor Development, Kristy Lewis, Colleen Fogle, & Karen Dunn; Hospitality/Recognition, Heather Mangum; Mission/Advocacy, Christy Kelly; and Lisa Duff, our ACS Staff Partner.

Please join us for a celebration of this year's Relay For Life success on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 6-9pm at Fressers Eatery in historic Helen's Barn for a buffet dinner and refreshments. Also, you may get involved with Relay For Life at any time. Check out [www.relayforlife.org/highlandsnc](http://www.relayforlife.org/highlandsnc) or call 526-1841 for more information.

**Mike Murphy**  
Relay for Life, chair

First, let me say that this letter is long over due. I would like to thank the Highlands Cashiers Hospital for offering the Highlands Cashiers Hospital Health Screening to the residents of this area. I have participated in the screening for many years and keep a record of the results. It is a reminder of my healthy habits and encourages me to improve the not so healthy ones. I have been given good suggestions that I really appreciate. I feel so fortunate to have a hospital of the quality of this one in my community. Every person I have come in contact with, from doctors to office staff, during a visit for myself or to visit someone in the hospital have been friendly, courteous and efficient. Congratulations on a job well done!

**Janet A. Wilson**  
Highlands

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THANK YOU Jane Woodruff for this

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# • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

## Injuries lead to first SMC loss in 5 years

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands Highlanders were ailing when they traveled to Cashiers on Wednesday to face the Blue Ridge Bobcats, but the ride home was even worse.

The Highlanders were missing starting keeper Philip Murphy (concussion) and midfielder Evan Schmidt (flu) but looked to get a bit of good news when Senior Taylor Osteen was able to get the start despite an injured ankle. The Bobcats were able to take advantage of their small field and get on the board first after a long free kick turned into a goal. Despite this, the Highlanders dominated possession but could not take advantage, missing 8 shots on goal in the first half including a shot off of the crossbar by Osteen.

In the second half, Osteen finally delivered the equalizer to tie the game at 1-1, and the Highlanders pressed for more, barely missing out on a breakaway opportunity from Tyler Munger. The momentum looked to have swung in favor of the Highlanders, but that momentum would prove

to be short lived. Shorthanded due to injuries, the Highlanders could ill afford to lose any more players, but ended up a man down after two yellow cards led to the disqualification of a Highlander player. Playing a man down was not ideal, but Highlands looked like they would still be able to earn a draw when a foul called with 2 minutes to play awarded the Bobcats another long free kick. Again, the long free kick was put home, and the Highlanders limped home with their first conference loss in five years.

Friday, the Highlanders took to the field against the Tallulah Falls Indians with a bit of a chip on their shoulder after Wednesday's tough match. The scoring opened early and often for the Highlanders, and the Indians found themselves on the wrong end of an 8-0 scoring barrage. The Highlanders received two goals each from Freshmen Colin Weller and Austin Nichols and added goals from Rogelio Pioquinto, Evan Schmidt, Kenan Lewis and Davis Moore.

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Paula Van Hoogen  
Highlands

I would like to express my profound gratitude to Jane Woodruff for the wonderful new United States Post Office in Highlands. The landscaping and site work is also an asset to our community.

Thanks also to Jane Woodruff and her family for contributions over the years to the Highlands Recreation Center, Highland-Cashiers Hospital, Jane Woodruff Clinic, Jane Woodruff Medical Office Building, Highlands Community Child Development Center and many anonymous projects. With gratitude,

Kitty Byers  
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Headline from Yahoo.com: "McCain: Obama pursues a 'feckless' foreign policy."

Headline from NewsOK: "Charles Krauthammer: Administration's feckless policy on Iran."

Headline from Real Clear Politics: "Suddenly Obama's Foreign Policy Does Look Feckless."

Headline from USA Today: "Protestors storm US Embassy in Yemen."

Headline from Reuters: "Gunfire heard at embassy in Sudan."

Headline from foxnews: "Protestors burn US flags outside embassy in Tunisia."

Headline from CNN.com: "Protests near US Embassy in Cairo continue after Obama warning."

Headline from Reuters: "Iraqi militia threatens U. S. interests."

Headline from france24: "US embassies on high alert as protests spread."

Headline from AP: "Campuses evacuated, classes cancelled by 'al Qaeda threat.'"

Headline from the Washington Free Beacon: "Carney: Protests not directed at the United States."

From Yahoo News: "Whoever comes across America's ambassadors or emissaries should follow the example of Omar al Mukhtar's decision to descendants (Libyans), who killed the American ambassador," the group said, referring to Tuesday's attack on the U. S. consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi.

"Let the step of kicking out the embassies be a step towards liberating Muslim countries from the American hegemony," a statement on an Al Qaeda website in the Arabian Peninsula said.

From Breitbart: "Obama Flashback: The day I'm inaugurated Muslim hostility will cease. Then-Senator Barack Obama makes the case for an Obama presidency on November 21, 2007 by saying he is uniquely qualified to bring stability to America's relationships in the Muslim world because he lived in an Islamic country during his youth and his half-sister is Muslim." That worked out well, now, didn't it?

From the Hill: "President Obama's 'proud' statements on improving U.S. image might boomerang. President Obama has said that elevating the image of the United States around the world was one of his proudest foreign policy accomplishments, but those remarks could boomerang and hamper his re-election bid.

The violence and anti-American protests throughout the Middle East are bringing fresh attacks on the president's foreign policies as Muslim rage is intensifying in the region. The protests that have spread could undercut one of the key tenets of Obama's foreign policy argument that he has restored the U. S. image in the Middle East.

In February, Obama said, 'One of the proudest things in my three years in office is helping to restore a sense of respect



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for America around the world, a belief that we are not just defined by the size of our military.'

Three years ago in Cairo, Obama stressed his leadership would be dramatically different than former President George W. Bush's: 'I have come back here to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world; one

based upon mutual respect; and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive, and need not be in competition."

From the Washington Examiner.com: "WH: 'We're very proud of the President's record on foreign policy.' White House Press Secretary Jay Carney opted not respond to the suggestion that the embassy attacks throughout the Middle East suggest that extremists view the United States under President Obama as weak on foreign policy.

'We are happy to debate – and there is certainly ample time and appropriate time to debate foreign policy approaches, this president's record on foreign policy,' Carney told reporters during the press briefing when asked if the attacks stemmed from 'perceived American weakness' that stems from Obama's leadership. 'We're very proud of the president's record on foreign policy and are happy to make the case at the appropriate time (the twelfth of never)."

From The Independent: "Exclusive: America 'was warned of embassy attacks but did nothing.' The killings of the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three of his staff were likely to have been the result of a serious and continuing security breach. According to senior diplomatic sources, the U.S. State Department had credible information 48 hours before mobs charged the consulate in Benghazi, and the embassy in Cairo, that American missions may be targeted, but no warnings were given for diplomats to go on high alert and 'lockdown.'"



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ported in this week's paper. Next week the rest will be disclosed.

1. What actions and approaches do you support for Congress to take to boost the health of the economy?

Mark Meadows

As we look at our economy people are saying, "Well gosh, we are doing better than we were four years ago. But I am one of the few who believes we are not doing better than we were four years ago and quite frankly, it's time we set in place the free market principals that will get this economy moving again.

We are sitting here facing \$4 a gallon gas. And yet what we've done is put our natural resources off limits. We need a good

systemic program in terms of energy.

We put 90% of our natural resources off limits and by doing that we aren't going to drill, we aren't going to use nuclear power, we're not going to tap our natural gas resources and yet we could be the Saudi Arabia of natural gas. We've got a 575-year supply of natural gas and yet we're putting it off limits and not tapping it.

We are faced with 9.6% unemployment in North Carolina and in the 11th Congressional District it's actually worse than that. We have a number of counties that are double-digit, some are 15% to 17% unemployment.

So what do we do? We have to get government out of the way; we have to get regulations out of the way.

We have a 4-point plan that will truly

bring jobs. We call it our 20-20 plan.

First reduce our dependency on foreign oil by 20% by the year 2020. To do that we have to make sure that we do drill on shore, off shore and allow nuclear power to produce stuff.

The interesting thing is we have allowed regulations to limit nuclear power over the last 35 years. It all boils down to the fact that regulations made it too costly to produce that kind of generation.

Number two, we also need to look at reducing regulations by 20% across the board and put a moratorium on any new regulatory law until we reach those thresholds.

We look back to the late '70s when we had double-digit inflation, double-digit interest rates. Jimmy Carter was saying our best days were behind us. Many of us remember gas lines. If you had an odd tag you got in line on the odd days; if you had an even tag you got in line on the even days. What we had at that time were regulations that totaled 87,000 pages. Well, in the early 1980s we cut that in half and what we saw was the longest period of prosperity because we cut those regulations.

Isn't it amazing that we went past those 87,000 pages again in the federal registry just in the last couple of years? There is a direct correlation between regulation and job growth.

The third thing we need to do is take the \$1.25 trillion sitting abroad, not paying taxes in the U.S. and just sitting there being invested and allow it to come back in tax-free for the next 20 months and to be invested in jobs back here at home. When we do that, that repatriation of the \$1.25 trillion will be better than the stimulus that we paid for out of our taxes.

The fourth thing is we have to make sure that what we do is make an environment here that is friendly to the corporate world. We need to reduce our corporate taxes, close loopholes and reduce our corporate taxes down to 20%. We have the highest corporate tax rate in the world. Isn't it amazing why companies go abroad -- they get better taxes abroad than they do here. It's cheaper for me to start a business in Ireland than here in the U.S. from a tax rate stand point.

So we have to do those four things and if we do those four things, that's a plan that will work; by independent sources, it will create over 10 million jobs. So when we look at those 10 million jobs that brings us back to full employment.

We can look back and say we are going to do things the way we have always done which is tax our way into prosperity. Winston Churchill said trying to tax your way into prosperity is like standing in a bucket

and trying to lift yourself by the handle. It just doesn't work.

So what we've got to do is come up with a plan. We have a plan and we know it will work because history has shown us time and time again that if you get government out of the way the free market will rise and men and women will work hard.

Hayden Rogers



I'm one of your two choices to be your next congressman. I grew up in Graham County. Been born and raised here. Lived here my whole life and I'm proud of that. I recognize the challenges we face in Western North Carolina from an economic standpoint, from a job standpoint.

Having grown up here, and having seen all those manufacturing jobs when I was a kid where so many of my friends and family worked in that industry throughout the district -- those are ghosts of a reminder of time past here.

I want to end our bad trade policy with free trade agreements. I want us to have a competitive advantage not disadvantage when it comes to trade. I want to bring some of those jobs back. I want to cut our tax rate, I would like to lower it and eliminate a lot of deductions at the corporate level and at the individual level. I think a simpler tax code is something we all agree we'd like to see. We don't need someone in a Statute of Liberty costume on the side of the street waving at us telling us they are going to help us with our taxes.

I believe businesses should make their decisions based on their needs and their customers and the demand for their products and services, not off the tax code. So those are principals I believe in.

I believe we need to invest heavily in our infrastructure as a nation and that's

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the entrances and exits of existing driveways into both OEI's new complex on Spring Street and The Highlands Community Child Development Center (HCCDC).

The feeling is OEI's plan will make the exit from the HCCDC parking lot much safer. Sidewalks and crosswalks are also included in the plan.

In a letter to the Town Board the HCCDC board wrote: "The HCCDC board of directors concurs with the proposed traffic routing changes in so far as the changes don't obligate HCCDC for any of the costs," writes Nancy Bruns, president of the HCCDC board of directors. "The proposed changes are for implementation of the town's decision to make Spring Street a one-way street and in no way relate to HCCDC's nonprofit mission nor to any request by HCCDC or its staff."

This is one of the final parts of the Spring Street plan, with one of the best features, supporters claim, the narrowing of the end of Spring Street, where it empties onto Fifth Street so that the one-way is much clearer to any drivers.

The islands, with curb, gutter and landscaping on the south side, would be installed and paid for by OEI. The curb and guttering on the north side — bordering HCCDC — would be installed and paid for by OEI.

The landscaping on the north side would be the responsibility of others to install and pay for.

In Town Manager Bob Frye's report to the board, he says staff recommends the approval of the plan as submitted. He says according to the Highlands Parking & Circulation Study Preferred Plan, approved by the Planning Board and Town Board some years ago, these islands were to be installed when Spring Street was changed to one-way.

Though there wasn't a quorum present, at its Thursday, Sept. 13 special meeting, the Planning Board considered the two rights-of-way items and made the following recommendations:

"Concerning the Spring Street/5<sup>th</sup> Street Design, there were mixed opinions on this case. Two of the Planning Board members were opposed to the conversion of Spring Street to a one-way street, and thus could not support this sidewalk and parking island design. One member was in full support of the plan," writes Town Planner David Clabo in his report to the Town Board.

The second request for encroachment into a right-of-way is from the Glass family who has a second home on 146 Worley

Road.

They have requested permission to build two areas for two parking spaces, primarily for their use, in front of their house.

"When we first built some 20 years ago, our kids were living at home and we rode together. Now that they are grown, married and driving up by themselves, we find ourselves in desperate need of a bit more parking," writes Scott and Beth Glass to the board. "We were in hopes that our present drive, which holds two cars, could be expanded near the house to accommodate two more cars, but after carefully considering the options, we have been advised that this is not possible, especially given the constraint of the location of the drain field."

They say they have determined that the best option is to have two spaces parallel to the road.

"We understand that this is in the town's right-of-way so request that you give full consideration to our need for our family by allowing these two spaces be put in. Also, there appears to be precedent for this type of parking all along the road leading to our house, so it wouldn't be unusual for the area," they write.

In his report to the town, Manager Frye says all of the lots on this side of Worley Road are very steep, and the houses sit well below the road level. The driveway is steep, and there is no room on the lot to create any more parking spaces.

It will be necessary to build boulder walls to build up enough area for the two proposed parking spaces, which will be entirely in the town's right-of-way.

The Planning Board also weighed in. "Concerning the Glass case of 146 Worley Road, the owners at this address are asking the board's permission to encroach on the right-of-way to allow them to construct two parking spaces, parallel to the existing roadway. At the special meeting, Sept. 13, Mr. Glass was present and explained his reasoning for the request. After a brief discussion and question/answer time, the Planning Board members were unanimous in concurring with, and supporting, this request," writes Clabo.

According to Town Manager Frye, his staff considered the following prior to recommending permission for the parking spaces in the town's right-of-way:

- There are other similar parking areas along this road section (at least two).
- The roadway is very narrow through this area, and this lot is very steep and without other options for additional parking spaces on-site.
- The spaces could add an increased

safety factor to traffic on this road section.

- A water line is the only utility located in the roadway and, so far as we can tell, will not be affected by this project.

- All expenses should be borne by the applicant/land owner.

- Furthermore, as long as there is no cost to the town; the integrity of the existing roadway (Worley Road) is protected during construction; and with the written

understanding with the property owner that if the town ever needs this area of the right-of-way for utilities, roadway, or other public purposes, the parking areas may be removed.

The Town Board will have the final word on both requests tonight at 7 p.m. in the Community Building.

— Kim Lewicki

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• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$40 a month.

• Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a.

\$5 per class. First class free. Call Mary Barbour for Franklin schedule: 828-342-2498.

## Mon, Wed, Thurs

YOGA ON MAIN – Mon & Thurs at 10:45a, Wed., at 7:45a. Call 828-482-2128. (9/27)

## Mondays

• Mountain View Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in the Faith and Fellowship Center of First Presbyterian Church. Enter via the entrance on 5th St. and proceed a few steps down to the library.

## 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 Presbyterian Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Wednesdays

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary

meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the H-C Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 a.m.

• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

• The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

• Mah Jong games will be held, open to the public, at the Albert Carlton Cashiers-Community Library at 1 p.m.

## Wednesdays & Fridays

• Open AA meeting at noon at the Presbyterian Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Thursdays, Fri., Sat., Sun.

• Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road. Call 526-2121.

## 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. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

• Free dinner at the Cashiers Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Mostly organic,

healthy food. Donations accepted. Call 743-5706 for more information. Volunteers needed!

## Second Thursdays

• The regular meeting of Highlands Chapter #284, Order of The Eastern Star is held at 7:30 p.m.

## Saturdays

• Live music at Main Street Inn's The Bistro, noon-3 p.

• Highlands Farmers Market at Highlands School from 9a to noon, through October.

• At Mountain Fresh Grocery, free wine tastings from 2-4 p.m.

• Simply Homegrown is a local farmers market in Rabun County, GA. Celebrating its 11th season as the area's original sustainable farm market. Open 9 am to 2 pm at the new location 0.7 mile west of Clayton on Highway 76 West. Look for directional signs on Routes 441 and 76 in Clayton. Our website has detailed directions [www.simplyhomegrown.org](http://www.simplyhomegrown.org).

• The Art Room, 45 East Main St. in Franklin is having free Make & Take Classes from 10am to 12:30. Come make a Card...Ages 15 and up please! Call Dianne 828-349-3777 or Robin 828-421-9891.

• Bascom Community Knitters wel-

come all knitters, crocheters, smockers and needlepointers to join us on the Terrace at the Bascom. 10 until noon. From now until Thanksgiving! Come and knit or come and watch. [mscarolray@yahoo.com](mailto:mscarolray@yahoo.com)

## Every Third Saturday

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

## Through Fri., Sept. 21

• Bank of America in Highlands is taking up donations of supplies for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society at the bank.

## Thursday Sept. 20

• Free movie at the Cashiers Library. Stand and Deliver at 4p.

• Friends of Panthertown is hosting a public meeting and information session Thursday at 6 pm at the Cashiers Community Center gymnasium located at 42 Community Place Road, Suite 3, off US 64 in Cashiers, near the public library and new recreation center. Experts from several organizations, including the U.S. Forest Service, will be on hand to answer questions and take comments related to proposed actions in Panthertown Valley.

• Taize on the Mountain at 6:30 p.m. at the Kelsey/Hutchinson Park on Pine Street in Highlands. Taize worship's emphasis is on silence, light, and above all the meditative weaving together of prayer and music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. (Please, no alcohol or pets) ALL are welcome!

• A dinner for Senator Jim Davis's reelection campaign. The dinner is at the Jarrett House in Dillsboro and costs \$35. Call Ralph Slaughter for reservations at 828-743-6491.

• LAST BALLROOM DANCE, for the summer, at the Franklin (NC) Community Building, Hwy 441 South - across from "Whistle Stop Mall" Thursday 6:30-9p. Music by SWINGTIME BAND" For more information call 828-369-9155.

## Sept. 22-Oct. 11

• Macon County Girls Basketball Sign-ups will begin on September 22nd and go through October 11th. For ages 6-18. The cost to register is \$35. For more information contact Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey of The Highlands Parks and Recreation Department at 828-526-3556.

## Sat., Sept. 22

• Scaly Mountain Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Old Scaly School House on the corner of Highway #106 and Buckknob Road. A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. You can also order "take out." The Women's Club second

cookbook "Second Helping" and aprons and dish towels will be available at the Scholar Store at the breakfast. For more information, call Susan Bankston (828) 526-9952 or go to the website [www.scalymountainwomensclub.org](http://www.scalymountainwomensclub.org)

• Employees of Bank of America and the C-H Humane Society will be outside the bank from 9a-noon taking up donations and supplies and the Humane Society will have pets available for adoption.

• There will be a Macon County Republican Party Executive Committee (special) meeting on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Boiler Room restaurant in Franklin (South Dining Room). The purpose of the meeting is to elect an interim Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Macon County Republican Party. Chairman Chris Murray will resign as chairman at the adjournment of the September 15th general meeting at the Boiler Room. It is important that every Executive Committee member attend this special meeting if possible. For questions call Chairman Chris Murray at 421-2191.

## Sunday, Sept. 23

• BBQ 'n Banjo Bash from 1-4p to support Mike Clappitt's campaign, candidate for NC House of Representatives District 119 at Cullowhee Park on Cullowhee Mountain Road. The cost of the fundraising event is \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of any size. Details are available at 828 736-6222

## Mon. & Tues., Sept. 24-25

• The double-down GOP monthly September meetings are in Sylva on September 24th and on the following evening, September 25th in Cashiers. Both meetings start at 6:30 PM and similar programs will update the national and local campaigns. Chair Ralph Slaughter can furnish details at 828 743-6491.

## Monday, Sept. 24

• The North Jackson County Republican monthly meeting is on Monday at 6:30 PM at the Sylva Republican Headquarters Office at 58 D Sunrise Park, a retail complex located opposite the intersection of Highway 107 and the Asheville Highway. For Jackson County GOP information call Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County GOP Chair at 828 743-6491, email [jacksonctygop@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksonctygop@yahoo.com) or visit the website [www.jacksoncountygop.com](http://www.jacksoncountygop.com).

• The next meeting of the Art League of Highlands will be Monday in The Bascom library at 3 p.m. From 4-5 p.m., Anita Stewart, known as the "Brush Lady," will be in the Bascom's Studio A, where she will give

## American Craft Today opens Sept. 22 at The Bascom Celebration! Fine Craft Auction is Sept. 29

Fifty-seven craftspeople from across the nation have been chosen to exhibit baskets, ceramics, decorative and wearable fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper and wood craft objects at American Craft Today, a prestigious, juried exhibition of fine craft featuring one-of-a-kind pieces and uniquely creative artwork from some of the country's most accomplished craft artists.

American Craft Today opens September 22nd and runs through December 29th in the Bunzl Gallery at The Bascom in Highlands. The public is invited to join us for an opening reception on Saturday, September 22nd from 5 to 7 pm.

This exhibition is sponsored by Gail and Tim Hughes.

Ticket are still available for Celebration!, a weekend event at The Bascom in Highlands on September 28-29. The itinerary will include a patrons-only cocktail reception; artists' demonstrations, such as woodturning and ceramics-making; a panel on "Collecting Craft: A Love Affair;" silent auction and cocktail buffet. The festivities will culminate in a live auction of select craft by major American artists.

This exciting annual event, sponsored this year by Wells Fargo. Tickets for the live auction on Saturday, September 29nd, beginning at 6:30 pm are \$100 per person. Benefactor tickets are also available. For more information and to purchase tickets, call (828) 787-2896 or visit [www.thebascom.org/celebration](http://www.thebascom.org/celebration).



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# Highlands Upcoming Events



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a brief demonstration and will have brushes and other art supplies for sale. At 4:30, light refreshments will be served in the same venue, preceding a presentation by the featured speaker, Susan Robert. This presentation is free, and the public is invited to attend the meeting and presentation.

## Tuesday, Sept. 25

- The South Jackson County Republican monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the Cashiers Republican Headquarters Office in Laurel Terrace. Laurel Terrace is just past the Cashiers Crossroads traveling east on Highway 64. For Jackson County GOP information call Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County GOP Chair at 828 743-6491, email jacksonctygop@yahoo.com or visit the website www.jacksoncountygop.com.

## Thursday, Sept. 27

- A celebration of this year's Relay For Life success on Thursday from 6-9pm at Fressers Eatery in historic Helen's Barn for a buffet dinner and refreshments. Also, you may get involved with Relay for Life at any time. Check out [www.relayforlife.org/highlandscnc](http://www.relayforlife.org/highlandscnc) or call 526-1841 for more information.

## Saturday Sept. 29

- The Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center will open its doors free of charge along with over 1,400 other participating venues for the eighth annual Museum Day Live! For one day only, The Foxfire Museum will grant free access to visitors who download a Museum Day Live! ticket at [Smithsonian.com](http://Smithsonian.com). The Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center, a 22-log-cabin village, contains exhibits, artifacts, and crafts of early Appalachian life, as well as a gift shop featuring The Foxfire Book series and other traditional crafts. Open Mon-Sat., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., the museum is located at 98 Foxfire Lane, off Cross Street, in Mountain City.
- The Nantahala Hiking Club's Family Hiking Day. Registration is at 9:30-10:30a at the Standing Indian Campground Family Pavilion. Franklin. Registration is from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the Standing Indian Campground Family Pavilion. There will be a hiking lecture, organized hikes from 1-4 miles, and a cookout lunch for hikers.
- The North Carolina Bartram Trail Society will celebrate its 35th anniversary with an illustrated presentation on "The Natural History of the Southern Appalachians" and a trip to the Cowee Mound. The meeting will begin at the Franklin library at 10 a.m. Following a presentation, participants will travel down the river to the eat lunch beside the

Cowee Mound, which William Bartram described in his book *Travels* (1791). Deadline reservation is Sept 27. Call Meg Petty at 828-371-0633.

## Sunday, Sept. 30

- A faculty/student concert from the WCU music dept. at First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Featured WCU faculty members will be Mike Lancaster, baritone; Bill Martin, tenor, and Bradley Martin, piano. Also featured will be several of the university's star vocal students. Bradley Martin, a professor of piano at WCU, has recently been hired as Organist at Highlands United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited.

## Mon., Oct 1

- Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers, 10a to noon at H-C Hospital. Call Sheradine at 526-1498 to register.

## Tues., Oct. 2

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club final meeting for the season at the Cashier Library at 7 p.m. with raffle of a Wolfman Net from Wisconsin feature fine ash and black walnut. For more information, call 828-885-7130.

- Highlands Dialogue at the Hudson Library from 10-11:30 a.m. "Who Owns Democracy?" by Nick Penniman. Sojourners. Aug. 2012. "Big money has corrupted our politics, and We the People want it fixed. What

will it take to clean up the mess?" Handout (also e-mailed). Coordinator: John Gaston.

- Board of Education Candidate Forum from 7-8 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center on the campus of Franklin High School.

## Wed., Oct. 3

- Flu shots 1- 4p at the Jane Woodruff Building at Highlands-Cashiers hospital. The vaccine is \$25. The public health center will bill insurance companies so clients should bring their cards with them. Medicaid does not cover the cost.

- At The Rotary Club of the Cashiers Valley meeting, candidates for Jackson County Commissioner, District 4 (South Jackson

County) Republican Marty Jones and Democrat Mark Jones will answer questions posed from Republican and Democrat moderators. At the United Methodist Church, 8-9a. Open to the public.

## Thurs., Oct 4

- Flu shots at Sapphire Valley Resort Community Center in conjunction with Ingles Pharmacy in Cashiers 10 am and 12 noon at the Sapphire Valley Resort Community Center. The cost is a reduced fee of \$20 per person.

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At the September Macon County Commission meeting, NC DOT representatives announced the program for the upcoming fiscal year – something they do each year about this time.

The purpose of the announcement isn't to get permission from the county exactly, but rather to keep the lines of communication open.

Nevertheless, the MC Commission must adopt a resolution approving NC DOT's proposed program and that's what happened Monday night.

Joel Setzer, NC DOT Division 14 Engineer, said this constituted the annual meeting between NC DOT and the county. "Ever since the state took over the county roads in the 1930s, the General Assembly wants to make sure that its state agency coordinates with each county in which work is scheduled. So the purpose of the meeting is to fulfill that obligation," he said.

The General Assembly determines how much money will go into the state's Secondary Road Improvement program. Each county gets a certain amount of money allocated based on the percentage of secondary roads within its confines.

Macon County has 100 miles of unpaved secondary roads and paving can only take place after right-of-way and environmental issues are put to rest.

The program presented Mon-

day night spanned two years, but the only sure thing is the work planned for FY2012-13.

"Funds aren't available for FY 2014 or FY 2015 so those project estimates are based on current funding," said Wesley Grindstaff, staff engineer of the four most western counties.

So, AST Strengthening – which involves a chip/seal application – is set in the Highlands-area for the remainder of FY 2012.

Clear Creek Road (SR 1613) to NC 28 South for \$60,000; Buck Knob Road (SR 1622) from NC 106 to end of the pavement for \$40,000 and Blue Valley Road (SR 1618) from NC 28 for \$39,277.

The most costly project – which is slotted for FY 2013, is Horse Cove Road – SR 1604 to 1606. Pipes will be replaced, the road will be leveled and strengthened and asphalt will be resurfaced for \$173,915.

The FY 2013 allowance for Macon County is \$565,374, but unfinished FY 2012 projects are going to take up \$239,190 of that so \$326,184 is all that remains to complete remaining projects set for 2013.

That includes \$152,269 for county wide engineering, surveys, right-of-way and unpaved road stabilization, elsewhere.

Setzer also reported that the truck turnaround issue is still in the works and an area agreeable to all parties still must be determined. "What we want to do is

keep tractor-trailers from getting on the Gorge Road," he said.

He also said when the General Assembly capped the gas tax much of the secondary road budget was cut.

"Capping the gas tax limits funds for road improvement, but since the gas tax increases with the price of wholesale fuel, which increase the cost of fuel to the consumer, the General Assembly capped it, adjusted its budget and so funds for the secondary road program were cut," he said.

Monday night the board also learned that the Sheriff Department was approved for a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program to establish a new Traffic Safety Officer position.

The grant covers personnel, equipment and other expenses associated with the position, potentially for three years. The fourth year, the county must foot the bill entirely – basically pay the salary for the position of \$62,155.

The grant involves a match from the county each year – 15% the first year (\$18,182), 30% the second year (\$18,646), 50% (\$31,077) the third.

The first year is the most beneficial to the county, as the federal government picks up 85% of the cost (\$103,033) and that's when the person is hired and all the equipment is purchased – which the department can keep, if the program is cut in year two.

"Basically, I am asking for the county commissioners' approval to help in securing this grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for federal funding for this new position," said Sheriff Robert Holland. "The grant is over a four-year period, as funds allow, and requires a funding match from the county."

Commissioner Bobby Kuppers said this is a chance for the county to expand the Sheriff Department for 40 cents on the dollar. "Basically we are getting this equipment and this position on sale," he said.

The grant can be extended for two additional years and if awarded, the Governor's Highway Safety Program expects the project to continue into that fourth year with the county footing the bill which is the 100% of the salary.

If the grant is cut at the federal level, the county is free and clear; it doesn't have to pay any money back and it gets to keep all equipment associated with the position.

Kuppers said he hoped that the extra position would help the Sheriff Department cover the Nantahala area.

Holland said out of the 13,441 calls from dispatch in 2011, 240 of those calls came from Nantahala.

– Kim Lewicki





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# Autumn Home Improvement

## Prepare your home to withstand any weather

(StatePoint) The weather these days seems to be more volatile than ever -- swinging from record-setting heat waves to deep freezes, seemingly from one day to the next.]

With the weather more varied and unpredictable, homeowners nationwide have learned lessons from the past year and are taking steps to ensure their houses can efficiently withstand whatever Mother Nature dishes out.

It's all about keeping homes sealed tightly, so water and wind can't leak in and tempered air doesn't leak out -- causing heating and cooling bills to rise.

### Beware of Foundation Cracks

Water is the enemy of your home's foundation. A change in moisture content of the soil around your home allows water to put pressure on the foundation, causing cracks and leaks.

Dry weather can cause the soil to shrink, while wet periods can cause it to soften. Poor drainage from your roof or improper ground slope around your home can funnel water against the foundation.

Make sure gutters are clean and that downspouts extend away from your home. Check that the soil, grass or pavement properly slopes away from your foundation.

### Insulate Effectively

Upgrading a home's insulation is an effective, easy way to increase energy efficiency while decreasing heating costs. The attic is a great start, but to achieve maximum efficiencies, don't overlook areas such as basements and rim joists.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates homeowners could save an average of at least \$250 yearly in heating costs

by insulating basement walls. And by insulating crawl spaces and rim joists, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates homeowners can save up to 20 percent on energy bills.

Opting for stone wool insulation, which is made from a combination of natural basalt rock and recycled slag, may provide greater benefits than traditional fiberglass insulation. One such thermal insulation is Roxul ComfortBatt, a fire resistant, water repellant and sound absorbent insulation that is well-suited for use in exterior walls, attics, crawlspaces and basements. It also has a unique fiber composition and density that provides for an optimal fit between studs, joists, around ductwork, electrical boxes and plumbing. As another consideration for insulating, Roxul also offers Safe'n'Sound, another stone wool insulation product well-suited for sound-proofing interior walls and ceilings between rooms. Its unique stone wool composition reduces sound transmissions by trapping sound waves and vibrations.

### Inspect Your Roof

Nothing can ruin a home faster than a leaky roof. Once yearly, check for signs of damage, such as sagging, aging, cracking, curling, tears or missing shingles. Pay particular attention to areas obscured by shade or vegetation.

Replace shingles that are lifting up or that have rot or heavy moss. Also inspect gutters, vents, overhangs and flashing. Repairs should be made as soon as you see a small problem, before it becomes a larger one.

Don't attempt to climb a roof that is steeply sloped. Instead, turn to a professional roofer or home inspector.



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## How to maintain your home's stone surfaces

(StatePoint) If you have natural stone countertops or other surfaces in your home, you may be the object of your neighbor's envy. According to a 2012 survey conducted by Harris interactive, three-quarters of homeowners who intend to remodel their kitchens in the next two years would like to install granite countertops.

"Granite and marble countertops and floors add beauty and value to any home," says Garen Distelhorst, Communications Director at the Marble Institute of America. "But to get the longest life and preserve the beauty of natural stone, homeowners should be sure they understand how to properly maintain their product."

The Marble Institute of America is offering homeowners these great maintenance tips:

- Use coasters under all glasses, particularly those containing alcohol or citrus juices.
- While many stones can withstand heat, use trivets or mats under hot serving dishes for added protection.
- Dust mop interior floors frequently, using a clean non-treated dry dust mop. Sand, dirt and grit are abrasive and can damage natural stone.
- Mats or area rugs inside and outside an entrance will help to minimize the sand, dirt and grit that may scratch the stone floor. The underside of the mat or rug should be a slip resistant surface.

- When vacuuming, be sure the metal or plastic attachments and wheels are not worn, as they can scratch the surface of some stones.

- When spills occur, blot, don't wipe. Flush the area with water and mild soap. Rinse several times, changing the rinse water frequently. Dry the area thoroughly with a soft cloth.

- Many suppliers offer products used for stone cleaning, however you can always use a neutral cleaner, or mild liquid dishwashing detergent and warm water.

- In the bath or other wet areas, use a squeegee after each use to minimize soap scum. Remove soap scum using a non-acidic soap scum remover or a solution of 1/2 cup of ammonia to a gallon of water. Use sparingly, as over-use of ammonia solution may eventually dull the surface of some stone types.

- Remove algae or moss in outdoor pools, patios and hot tub areas by using a mild bleach solution and flushing with clear water.

For more maintenance tips, or to find a qualified stone company, visit [www.marble-institute.com](http://www.marble-institute.com).

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NC, and eight step great-grandchildren. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

A wake was held at Seale Funeral Home, 1720 S. Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA on Tuesday, September 18. Christian burial was at Silver Springs Cemetery, 3020 Silver Drive, Osyka, MS, Wednesday, September 19. Pallbearers were Gus Lard, Roy Coleman, Cole Coleman, Lew Ward, Sam LaCour and Steve Jones. Honorary pallbearers are Frank Roberts, Scott Jones, Stacy Jones and Tinker Harelson.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in memory of Dot to the Wounded Warrior Project; woundedwarriorproject.org or mail to Advance Guard, Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

**Dr. Judson E. Hair**

Dr. Judson E. Hair went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary P. Hair.

He is survived by his three sons and daughters-in-law, Judson and Betty Hair, James and Victoria Hair and Harrison and April Hair and one daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Kevin Killilea as well as his

eight grandchildren, Patrick Hair, Christopher Hair, Jessica Hair, MaryEllis Hair, Caitlin Killilea, Beau Hawks, Peyton Hawks and Aubry Hawks. He was affectionately known to friends and family as Big Daddy.

Dr. Hair was born in Columbia, SC on April 8, 1925, the son of Harrison B. and Myrtle P. Hair. He attended Clemson University and graduated from the College of Charleston and the University of South Carolina Medical School. He also served in World War II as a pilot in the US Army Air Corps.

After a short time in private practice, he came to Clemson University to run the student health service and also served as the team physician for athletics until his retirement. As a pioneer in the field, he received the Ruth Boynton Award for service to Student Athletic Medicine. He also was inducted into the Clemson University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

At the time of his death, he was living in Highlands, NC and was a very active member and Deacon Emeritus at the First



**Dr. Judson E. Hair**

Baptist Church of Highlands. The church was the center of his life and he was loved by all as a spiritual and Godly leader.

Dr. Hair had attended a very sweet Homecoming Service where he led the prayer and was sharing lunch with all of his church family when he died of a sudden heart attack. His family and friends have found peace in the Lord taking him home in a place and at a time that meant so much to him.

There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, September 22 at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Highlands. Pastor Charles Harris will officiate. A special supper for family and friends will be served at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to First Baptist Church of Highlands, 220 Main Street, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

**Items needed for Playhouse Rummage Sale set for Sat., Oct. 13**

On Saturday, Oct. 13, The Highlands Playhouse is having a fundraising Rummage Sale.

It's going on the same day as the Highlands Own Arts & Crafts show and will be one more fun event to attend that day.

It takes place at 221 N. 4th Street, two doors down from CK Swan, across from Town Hall, from 10a-4p.

All proceeds benefit Highlands Playhouse.

Items are needed so drop off donations will be accepted Monday, Oct. 1 from 10a to noon, Wed., Oct. 3 from 10a to noon, and Mon. Oct. 8 from 10a to noon the event location – at 221 N. 4th Street next to CK Swan.

Donations can include, electronics, books, golf items, luggage, furniture, holiday items, baby items, furniture, clothing for ladies, men and children, linens etc. etc.

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not just roads and bridges. I think we need to invest in our airports, our ports, rail, smart electric grid, broadband all through these mountains. We need natural gas pipelines that are capable of carrying commercial quantities of natural gas. These are things we need as a country. And I'll tell you why we need them. These investments not only create jobs in America now, they make us competitive in this 21st century global economy.

Our competition, the wealthy countries we compete against for jobs and companies and where services are going or coming from, they are doing these things and we have to do them, too. This in an investment that pays back long term and one I think is essential.

I think we need to cut regulations, too. We have one of the most complicated regulatory systems in the world. We have too many regulations. We have too many agencies regulating the same things. I think it's possible to streamline some of those things and do it in a way that still maintains consumer safety and have economic growth and perform and accrue wealth and still have clean air and clean water. These are the things I believe in. I think we can do that.

Now, all these things I'm telling you about are national, just like Mark's plan. His 20-20 plan helps America in his mind and these things help America in my mind. Now what I'm going to tell you about is how it's going to help Western North Carolina, specifically, not just South Carolina and all the places around us but why this is important to us.

In rural areas like we live in, when a company is looking for a place to come there is a basic set of things they look for. Sure they look for taxes, they look at standard of living, they look at a lot of other things, but if that basic infrastructure isn't there they won't come. I'll give you two projects in particular -- the I-26 connector and Corridor K. These projects we can do now. Put people to work now. They open up transportation and commerce for Western North Carolina that helps us be able to attract jobs especially companies who need commerce shipped in and out of here.

Broadband. Not all businesses are factories. There are a lot of small businesses, micro-businesses that have come into this area that are passing data back and forth, large files and they need to be able to do it quickly. If we don't have that competitive edge, if we don't have what Charlotte has

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The family of Tim Alexander would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and especially prayers. The support we have received from the churches and the entire community is phenomenal.

Special thanks to the following: Dr. Patti Wheeler of Highlands Medical Associates and her staff for the exceptional care and compassion they have provided relentlessly for Tim over the past five years. Sherry Sims and staff of Highlands Pharmacy for all their knowledge, help and concern. Beck of 4 Season's Hospice who was invaluable to us and fit in like a family member. Tim couldn't have received better health care anywhere else in this world. Hugs and love to all.

**Trudy, Cole, Carly and family**

On February 20, 2012, the home of James and Caprita Plemmons burned to the ground. It was a total loss and they also lost Dozer their eight-year-old lab, who was their "child."

Fire teams from all communities came, did all they could to try to save the home, then stayed well after the fire was

out to dig through the ashes to find our Dozer. Afterwards, they returned to give James and Caprita to give comfort.

From the fireman, to the 11-year-old who called to say "don't worry, see I prayed and asked God to get ready. Dozer is on his way," to the newspapers, the local radio stations, churches and individuals, the support continued. Offerings of help continued with incredible friends throughout the Scaly, Highlands, and Satolah communities. People gave in so many ways.

On Saturday, September 8, 2012 once again communities, businesses and individuals from all three communities came together at the Satolah Fire department to have a benefit for James and Caprita.

We have not listed business or individuals for fear of leaving someone out but the generosity of all was so great. We can't begin to thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts for showing us your love and continuing support. What an amazing place we live in. Thank You, Thank You.

**James & Caprita Plemmons and Family**



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and other smaller urban areas in other states, they have to go there. They would love to be here, but if they can't do their business here, that's one, two job creators gone. They went somewhere elsewhere.

Natural gas energy. Intensive manufacturers -- those who use a lot of power, would much prefer to be burning natural gas than regular electricity. If we don't have that commercial quantity trunk line in Western North Carolina, they can't access it. This even affects agriculture, green house producers. I've met with one green-house producer in McDowell County who wants to expand eight more houses, that's 40 more jobs. The natural gas pipeline he needs is eight miles from him. It costs \$1 million per mile to put that to him. Now he can't afford the return on \$8 million to move that.

The differences in our ideas are workforce training and development. You need an educated workforce. Investing in our community colleges helps us have an attractive workforce. These things help separate Western North Carolina from the rest of America in addition to helping our country separate itself from its world competitors.

### **2. Do you want to enact changes to Social Security and Medicare and what would they be?**

**Hayden Rogers**

I believe in protecting both Social Security and Medicare. I believe these decisions are going to be difficult. These are real challenges. We have a little more time with Social Security than we do with Medicare. Medicare is on pace to consume \$810 billion of our annual spending by 2020. Now to put that into perspective and to make this problem more difficult, the interest on our national debt is on pace at \$750 billion per year by 2020. That's only a \$60 billion difference for all of Medicare and what we are on track to spend on our national debt by 2020.

We are at the point, folks, where we are going to have to make some tough decisions and it's going to take a shared sacrifice. We are going to have to do everything we can to find every efficiency in every program. If programs aren't working, we are going to have to eliminate them. We are going to have to understand the difference between a want and a need. And no one is going to be happy with this. But it's the reality of where we are.

We have time. Europe waited too long. They didn't make the tough decisions in

time.

Now, combine that urgency with a commitment -- a commitment to put folks who have worked hard, paid into programs and who are counting on programs -- these are the type of decisions that are going to be made in Washington.

How to you weigh the two? I believe the best option for Medicare is in fact not to voucherize it. I believe there are efficiencies, best practices we can look at. For instance, inexpensive sterilization processes in hospitals eliminated unintended infections that were actually borne in the hospital. That's \$10 billion a year right there in health care. We spend \$150 billion annually dealing with diabetes and obesity related issues. Preventive care -- that's not a sexy thing but it's an effective thing. It's a hard thing to score but we all know that healthier people typically require less health care and if we can catch these things on the front end and deal with this -- and part of this is education -- these are billions of dollars saved a year.

These are the types of things we have to do. Our problems are large enough that they are going to require folks like Mark and folks like me and folks like you in this room working together. Whoever is the far most right person and the far most left person in here, we have to get you guys at the table along with everybody in between and we have to be able to solve these problems together.

The question comes down to what are your priorities? Now Mark and I and most any politician who gets up here or person seeking public office in any field, will tell you they support these programs, and we do. We do support them. But what priorities? When you look, what priorities will be reflected in me, what priorities will my opponent reflect?

Because the choices are also going to be Bush tax cuts, which over 10 years will add \$4 trillion to the \$16 trillion to the national debt. \$4 trillion; unpaid for. We have SGR dealing with reimbursements rates to Medicare. That's a few hundred billion each year. Add all these things together, guys, and the decisions aren't easy. But we can work together and we can do it. We can get this thing on the right track and save these things. Just like I believe you can have clean water and clean air and make a good living and get the government off your back, I believe we can get our fiscal house in order and still maintain the promises and priorities of this country.

**Mark Meadows**



We've heard just a few minutes ago, really part of the problem with Washington, DC. We talk about issues and we don't really do anything to correct them. And what we've got to do is come up with a plan that truly reforms Medicare. I don't believe that we can do that by passing Obamacare and taking some \$700 billion out of Medicare and making Medicare more solvent. It just doesn't work. The other part of that is that if we do nothing, as Congress has elected to do over the last several years, we can look back to 2008 and 2010 when Democrats had control over the White House and Congress and yet no real reform was made to Medicare.

It is a political football that we have to be careful about. We have to honor our commitment to our seniors. I am committed to do that. At the same time, we can't keep kicking the ball or the can down the road and not do anything about it.

So will efficiencies get us to make up a \$7 trillion deficit as we look at it? No, they won't.

Last night at a debate Hayden said we have to increase taxes to do it.

What we really have to do is get this economy rolling again so the people who are paying in are making high wages. We can look at an economy in North Dakota where the unemployment is 2.9%, where people without a college education, with a high school education are making between \$65,000 and \$85,000 working at an oil field, where you can go to work at McDonald's making \$18 an hour.

When we start getting a real jobs program, more revenue comes in. It was proven under Reagan and also proven under a Democrat, John F. Kennedy, when you lower taxes, revenues go up. It's not the other

way around and we have to be conscious about this.

So as we look at this, we have to make real reforms. We also have to have personal accountability.

I tell a story about my wife. We had two children within 18 months. The first child we had insurance and when we went in to have that child in a Transylvania county hospital, it cost us \$5,000. Some 18 months later we didn't have insurance so Mark was paying the bill. So I was very attuned to that bill. When my wife went into labor, I said breathe a little longer a home, honey. We checked in, we managed our health care costs and what happened was, same hospital, same doctor, the cost went from \$5,000 to \$1,500. We need to manage our health care in the same way.

Most of us never ask how much it's going to cost when we go in and we have to provide an incentive under Medicare where when you're managing it you get some benefit back and what happens is we all save when doing that. So we have to make real reform there. We can't tax our way into it, we can't make up the deficits there.

The other thing we can't do is allow an independent payment board -- a 15-member non-elected board -- that decides what kind of health care you get. Because then what happens is we take the doctor-patient relationship and we change it to a government-patient relationship. And you know what? The government is never going to care for you the way your doctor or your family does. So that is a dangerous precedent we have here. We also had the ability to repeal that and it's been voted down. What happens is that we have to make sure we restore the integrity of that program. Make real systemic changes.

Part of what's out there right now is that anyone that's 55 or older, your benefits don't change. So if you are 55 or older under the Ryan plan your benefits won't be affected. But if we do nothing you will be affected because it's going to go bankrupt and we can't afford to let that happen. We have to make sure we honor our commitment to our seniors.

**Next week:**

**3. Voters are concerned about issues and policy changes impacting women's health and welfare. In an effort to shape social policy, legislators are challenging and implementing barriers to long standing legal services. Please explain your position on the government's role in reproductive rights in shaping social policy and please speak specifically to access to contraception.**





**Saturday, Oct. 13**

**30th Annual Highlands Arts & Crafts Show.**

**9a to 5p**

**at the Highlands Civic Center.**

**Fressers Eatery will have breakfast and lunch available for purchase.**

**Free admission and parking.**



## The Center for Life Enrichment

### A NEW LOOK AT RETIREMENT

Presenter: Betty Holt  
Thursday, October 4, 10:00-2:00 at the  
Performing Arts Center \$35/\$45

### PAINTING THE FALL LANDSCAPE

Presenter: Freddie Flynt  
Friday and Saturday, October 5 - 6,  
10:00-2:00 (day 1 at The Mountain  
includes lunch, day 2 at an outdoor  
location to be determined)  
\$75/\$90

### iPAD 102

Presenter: Nigel Sixsmith  
Friday, October 26, 10:30-3:30 at the  
Peggy Crosby Center, \$60/\$70

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### UPCOMING SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES W.E.

Directed by Madonna, **W.E.**  
takes viewers on a trip through  
the oft-misunderstood life of  
Wallis E. Simpson, Duchess of  
Windsor. Rene Silvin, creative  
director for the movie and long-  
time friend and business  
associate of the Duchess, will  
show actual photos and tell  
stories of the events portrayed  
on screen.

Saturday, November 3  
6:30 pm - ?  
Highlands Playhouse, \$15  
Popcorn and Beverages will be  
available.



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Balls, but later changed it to Pickle Ball. (Are you keeping up 'cause I'm not?) Of course, this is all a bunch of lies since the family didn't get Pickles until two years later....1967. Hey, wa-da-ya-expect? The guy was a friggin' congressman.

Shoot ahead 47 years and you'll find Shelby Place czar and resident George Schmitt leaving his home balancing a very full double martini and heading for the Pickle Ball courts. Since I also enjoy an occasional martini, I fully support George sitting on the sideline and sipping away. He can do this without spilling a drop 'cause he's not pickled....yet! Oh, I almost forgot. Pickle Ball at Shelby Place is a big, big deal.

If you've never watched this game, you need to put it on your bucket list. Type "Pickle Ball at The Villages" in your browser and watch the videos. It's a hoot. Kinda like geezer tennis....only more better. Or head over to Shelby Place where you might catch a game in live action. When the li'l missus and I went, we found a bunch of Shelby babes and Ross Neagley (Ross is not a babe by any stretch of the imagination.) swatting a whiffle ball to his wife, babe Barbara, who has a deadly serve. Also on the court was newcomer Tina Gamble who never played tennis but is now a Pickle Ball czarist. Li'l Liz Little was Tina's partner. Can you say "Li'l Liz Little" real fast three times? Now try "Big bad babe Barbara" which is harder. Fun, fun, fun.

But the gal with the most balls is part-time resident Vickie Taylor, chief cook and bottle washer of the P.B.A.S.P. whatever that means. She and her hubby spend time at "The Villages" near Orlando, FL during the winter where Pickle Ball is the rage. Players are like ants on honey; there are literally hundreds of them.

Soooo, in 2010 the Taylor's called for an association meeting and convinced the residents, most of them pickled, to re-design the tennis courts and bring this game to Shelby Place. One can build two Pickle Ball courts per tennis court. Are you writing this down?

I'd like to tell you more about this exciting game, but I think I hear my li'l missus shaking up a batch of Appletinis. Hmm, hmm, hmm....yummy for my tummy. Only thing left is to find a Pickle Ball game on TV. Surfing the channels, would you believe I couldn't find one? And if I head over to Shelby Place with my Appletini in hopes of catching a game, I might wind up in the Highlands' jail. What's a mother to do? Oy!

Fred is discounting his books as the season comes to an end. Catch him at the next to last Farmer's Market and stock up on Christmas presents for your friends and relatives. By December, he'll probably be at a farmer's market in the Middle East where they sell only used once shoulder to air missiles at a huge discount.

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enemy would prove staggering. Disruption of world oil supplies could give rise to \$10-a-gallon gasoline overnight. That's right; before you wave the red, white, and blue too lustily, consider the possibility of collapse of our fragile economic recovery. If we simply launched air strikes against Iran's nuclear facilities, we might slow, but could not stop, Iran's development of nuclear weapons. There is no guarantee the Iranians would stand idly by while we struck their installations. An attack on Israel, who would certainly be our partner in the attack, would be inevitable. Would the Israelis then unleash their considerable nuclear arsenal on Iran? And then what?

I have trouble focusing on an American or Israeli perspective. Israel's stockpile of nuclear weapons is surely unsettling to its neighbors. There is no clear evidence the Iranians are engaged in the development of a nuclear warhead, but who could blame them if they wanted insurance

against an Israeli strike? Of course, Iran has stated the destruction of Israel is a national priority. And it will remain so as long as Israel clings to the fruits of its conquests, builds settlements in occupied territories, and marginalizes her Palestinian neighbors.

Our recent experiences in the Middle East should be a sobering lesson. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have drained our wealth, cost us international respect, and created hostility in the Muslim world where there was once suspicion.

Last week a trailer from an amateurishly produced movie provided Islamist leaders to whip their followers into a destructive frenzy. Our ambassador to Libya died in the assault. Imagine the reaction to yet another attack on a Muslim nation. We have neither the money nor military to be policeman for the world. Hopefully we will demonstrate the restraint to avoid being its bully.



# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Seven words to live by



**Pastor Charles Harris**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**of Highlands**

John Gardner, former Secretary of the HEW, wrote an interesting article a few years back for Reader's Digest entitled "Seven Words to Live By." His article was well researched and documented from traveling world-wide and asking different people a simple question. "If you could give one word of advice to people living in the 21st century what one word would you give?" Seven words surfaced in his research. His word list consisted of these 7 words: Live, Love, Learn, Think, Give, Laugh, and Try.

If you were asked this same question what word would you give? I have thought about Gardner's article through the years and have concluded that his list is beneficial. However, I would choose two different phrases of seven words each as my list of words to live by. My two phrases come from the lips of Jesus and are recorded in Matthew 25:31-46. I will share both phrases near the end of this article.

This scripture is a final judgment passage. It is preceded in Matthew 24 by some additional teachings of Jesus. In Matthew 24 Jesus warns us of the suddenness of his coming. Jesus shares three parables back to back in succession: the parable of the ten virgins; the parable of the talents; and the parable of the shepherd separating his sheep from his goats. (Read these verses for additional insight).

In my text, Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus seems to indicate that our salvation is based on works rather than faith. This is not what Jesus is saying. Jesus, like the Apostle James, is simply saying that genuine faith will produce works. James says "Show me your faith and I will show you my works" (James 2:18b). Jesus is saying something similar. If we are genuinely saved we will affirm it by meeting legitimate needs of others. Our faith will produce works which are affirmatives of our faith. Jesus says if a person is hungry, we must feed him/her. If a person is thirsty, we must give him/her something to drink. If a person is sick, we must visit him/her and minister to their needs. If a person lacks proper clothing, we must provide adequate clothing. If a person is in prison, we are must visit them and encourage them.

Now let me hasten to say, we need to use good judgment.

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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 CHURCH

283 Spring Street  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.  
Testimony Meeting: 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 Bruce Walker  
Sunday: Education for children & adults and choir rehearsal beginning at 9am. Holy Eucharist Rite I-8a; Holy Eucharist Rite II-10:30am in the Main Nave of the Church.  
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.  
Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Prayer Meeting – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 5 p.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor  
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175  
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; Sun. 8:30a communion service June-Labor Day; 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

Randy Reed, Pastor  
828-421-9172 • 165 S. Sixth Street  
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 9:45a.; Worship 8:30 & 10:50; Youth Group 5:30 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.; Thurs & Fri.: 9 a. Saturday, 4pm

### SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dwight Loggins  
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



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lines for new construction and rehabilitation. Organize and Coordinate energy management team to provide leadership and to enhance the success of reducing energy and water consumption.

Take measures to benchmark current energy and water usage to establish improvement goals and to measure future energy and water efficiency performance. Establish a program to recognize individuals who provide leadership and increase the success of the energy and water conservation plans.

Post energy efficiency and water conservation posters conspicuously displayed throughout the town buildings. Ensure the financial resource investment policy includes criteria for financing energy and water upgrade projects.

Track energy and water usage and cost data and distribute to all users monthly. Include energy and water costs and program performance in monthly facility operations reviews. Monitor data to be able to question and pursue remedies for unusual variations from the norm.

Take measures to discover billing errors and recover incorrect charges. Review

rates with your energy company to ensure you are on most favorable rate structure. Be sure to understand rate structure.

Work with Waste Reduction Partners to help conduct an efficiency assessment. Schedule off-hour meetings in locations that do not require lighting and HVAC in the entire facility. Energy Management Plan should ensure that when facilities are used by outside groups during evening and weekend hours that inefficient use of lighting and HVAC is avoided. Schedule and organize housekeeping to minimize the use of lighting and HVAC

Health Recommendations:  
Saving Energy and Water are important, but we must also care for our residents.

Increase healthier Food Options in the community.

- Initiate a stakeholder group charged with the development and implementation of a local food movement.

- o Focus on increasing growers and markets- and provide resources/incentives.

- o Affordability for the target group? WIC program for local production- local farm markets, promote local food production

and encourage community to buy local.  
Increase physical activity in Adults- fall prevention with elderly

Encourage families to get out and play every day.- hike, walk, explore the mountains, visit the nature center, get active, increase sport opportunities for all ages.

Decrease substance abuse in adolescents. Reconnect adolescents to the outdoors. Offer fun social opportunities for pre-teens, teens and young adults.

Macon County Health Assessment Recommendations for a Healthier Community

Priorities:

1. Reduce the incidence of preventable chronic diseases related to obesity, particularly diabetes and heart disease.

2. Promote recruitment and retention of additional primary care physicians and dental practitioners serving Macon County residents.

3. Reduce the incidence and mortality rates of breast, colon, and lung cancer through prevention and early intervention efforts.

There are certainly other health issues and concerns that merit community attention, and these three priorities are not meant to be exclusive. The current assessment points to other areas of concern that merit attention in the county, but do not rank as primary concerns for 2012 to 2015. These secondary priorities include:

- End-of-Life Issues
- Access for Uninsured
- Suicide/Mental Health
- Smoking
- Youth and Family

Increased health education efforts were also identified as one of the top health needs in the community. The Community Needs Assessment subcommittee of Healthy Carolinians discussed naming health education as a priority area; however, decided that the need for increased health education efforts was a means to an end, rather than a health priority in itself.

As we move forward in addressing the selected priorities, increasing availability to health education services and access to awareness initiatives will be incorporated into the interventions planned for all priority areas. Sub-committee chairs will be made aware that increased health education activities were recommended as a key component for future projects.

Many health providers and advocates within the community and within HCMC will continue to make progress in a variety of areas of interest: senior services, mental health care, family and children's issues, environmental concerns, transportation safety and more.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The long range planning goals estab-

lished by the Macon County Solid Waste Management Plan and adopted by the Town of Highlands are listed below. These are goals - now we must create an action plan for the Highlands Community if we hope to reach these goals. The action plan should include specific action items to meet goals and have an assigned staff position to ensure implementation and to track progress.

- To provide everyone in the community with waste reduction and recycling opportunities, disposal capacity and waste collection services.

- To inform and educate the public about the benefits and need for waste reduction and recycling.

- To establish and meet local waste reduction goals.

- To protect Public Health and the environment.

- To increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the solid waste program.

- To decrease improper waste disposal.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Town of Highlands should work with local stakeholders and the NC Water Supply Section to develop a Source Water Protection Plan; this plan should have clear goals and action items with staff assignments to ensure implementation of the plan. Restoring and protecting the drinking water supply should be top priority for the Town to ensure long-term quality and quantity of this essential resource and to protect human health.

Currently, the town's Planning Board is working on a Comprehensive Plan -- which encompasses all of the aspects in the J-MCA Sustainable Solutions Plan. To ensure the proposed plan encompasses the needs and wants of the community, the board is first working on surveys to be sent to residents and business owners.

As per J-MCA, a comprehensive plan should include the following: Invest time, attention and resources in restoring the community and vitality to existing buildings within the downtown area. Town centered growth that includes plans for transit and pedestrian with a greater mix of housing, commercial and retail uses. Preserve open space and natural features within town center.

- 1) Create range of housing opportunities and choices, including options that are affordable, energy efficient, and incorporate low impact development practices.

- 2) Create walkable neighborhoods- expand sidewalks, greenway trails- connect community to public space, including forest land. Support local nonprofits to assist in maintenance, design, coordination, grants and events.

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3) Encourage community and stakeholder Collaboration- bring the issues to the people, invite them to help develop and implement solutions. Work with local nonprofits, businesses, individuals and local, regional, state and federal government to assist in this effort.

4) Foster Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place- celebrate the Town Founders, Mountains, Streams, Wildlife, Trails, History, Local Agriculture, Local Arts, Local Heritage. – support local entrepreneurship to create new opportunities

5) Make Development Decisions Predictable, Fair and Cost Effective- work with investors and developers that are willing to preserve the historical values and character of the community

6) Mix Land Uses, focusing on better places to live, work, shop and play. Focus on the needs of the local residents and build from there to ensure you accommodate the second home residents and the visitor.

7) Preserve Open Space, Farmland, Natural Beauty and Critical Environmental Areas

• Pine Street Park Plans: Kelsey Hutchinson Park- replace vegetation removed when storm-

water BMP installed, revise existing plan, approve and implement plan. Seek additional greenspace opportunities downtown.

8) Provide a Variety of Transportation Choices -- biofuel, elec-

• See J-MCA page 26

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## • POLICE & FIRE DEPT. REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from August 4. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

**Aug. 4**

• At 8:07 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a home on Holt Knob Road.

**Aug. 7**

• A little past midnight, officers responded to a noise complaint at a home on Holt Knob Road.

**Aug. 20**

• At 2:28 a.m., Joe Ben Cordell, III, 27, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI when pulled over for making an unsafe movement with his vehicle.

**Aug. 21**

• At 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle on North Cobb Road.

**Aug. 22**

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Wright Square.

**Aug. 24**

• At 2 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Mountain Shadows Road about a credit card being used illegally in Statesville, NC, for the purchase of meat and seafood.

**Aug. 25**

• At 2:28 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east.

**Aug. 26**

• At 8:20 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at The Bascom.

**Aug. 27**

• At 4:23 a.m., officers responded to a call about a open door at the Highlands Smokehouse.

**Aug. 28**

• At 5:20 a.m., officers responded to call from a home on Upper Lake Road where the house numbers had been taken off a post.

**Aug. 29**

• At 2:48 a.m., officers responded to a call about a noise complaint near N. 5th Street.

**Aug. 30**

• At 2:58 a.m., Jeffrey David Andresen, 41, of Highlands, was arrested for assaulting a government official, being intoxicated and disruptive and resisting arrest.

• At 5:39 p.m., officers investigated a report of trespassing on Trillium Circle.

• At 7:49 p.m., officers responded to a call of gas drive-off at the Citgo Station at First and Main streets.

**Sept. 3**

• At 20:16 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang-up at a residence on Thistle Drive.

**Sept. 4**

• At 8:13 a.m., officers responded to a call about a simple assault at Spring and 3rd street.

**Sept. 6**

• At 11:32 a.m., officers investigated a home at the Highlands Mountain Club where marijuana plants and various drug paraphernalia was found.

• At 7:20 p.m., Robert Charles Trotter, 23, of Highlands, was arrested for possessing a Sch. VI controlled substance.

• At 7:20 p.m. Justin Gene Taylor, 30, of Highlands, was arrested for possession of Sch. VI controlled substance.

**Sept. 8**

• At 7:46 p.m., Kate Dingle, 28, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI and being careless and reckless.

During this time officers issued 9 citations and responded to 5 alarms.

**Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug 29.**

**Aug. 29**

• At 7:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Deuce Road.

**Aug. 31**

• At 9 a.m., the dept. was called to First Citizens Bank concerning a strange odor. Nothing was identified.

**Sept. 5**

• At 10:31 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Highlands View Road. EMS transported.

• At 11:50 a.m., the dept. assisted EMS loading a patient for transport to the hospital.

• At 11:58 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co<sup>2</sup> alarm on Upper Carriage Hill Drive which was set off by accident.

• At 4:43 p.m., the dept. responded to Country Club Drive where a water flow alarm went off. There was no problem.

**Sept. 6**

• At 9:38 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Lucerne Drive. EMS transported.

**Sept. 7**

• At 9:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Cullasaja Drive. EMS transported.

• At 10:44 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Warren Road. EMS transported.

• At 5:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Flat Mountain Estates Road. EMS transported.

• At 10:56 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Cheyenne Drive. EMS transported.

• At 11:44 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street.

**Sept. 8**

• At 10:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Sassafras Court. EMS transported.

**Sept. 9**

• At 7:05 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Shortoff Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 7:10 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Saw Mill Road.

• At 7:38 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Laurel Branch Road which was set off from an outside source. All was OK.

• At 7:25 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Saw Mill Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

**Sept. 10**

• At 3:29 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Hillcrest Drive. EMS transported to the hospital.

**Sept. 11**

• At 11:17 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Mountain Ash Lane. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 11:06 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Rocky Ridge Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 11:32 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on Buck Creek Road. There were minor injuries.

**Sept. 12**

• At 7:21 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Rhododendron Drive where an 87-year-old man had fallen. EMS transported to the hospital.

# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

## The Summer House chosen as the 2012 Super SHOPS Dealer of the year by Summer Classics®



Pictured with Sam and Mike who are the buyers of Summer Classics for the store and do all the displays are owners Paula and Barry Jones.

The Annual Summer Classics Super SHOPS Dealer of the Year is awarded to the store that demonstrates excellence in the promotion and display of Summer Classics products, and sales growth throughout the year over all 20 retail stores involved with the program in the United States. The award was announced during the Summer Classics Annual Garden Party, a week of events that allows customers to view the company's six new collections, additions to existing collections and practically every SKU in the line in the 42,000 square foot showroom in Pelham, Ala.

The Summer House, in Highlands, offers customers an excellent shopping experience each time they come into the store, and goes above and beyond what is expected of a typical furniture store.

"We started out just trying to make local furniture in North Carolina," said Barry Jones, Owner of The Summer House. "We found out that there wasn't a furniture making tradition in the area, so we started to make our own. In the first 10 years or so we did work for several celebrities and we were making 90% of what we sold," Jones said.

The store's commitment to offering the best home furnishings to their customers lead to owners Paula and Barry Jones selecting Summer Classics five years ago as their only outdoor furniture manufacturer. The Summer House has over 3,500 square

feet featuring Summer Classics® exclusively.

"We're successful with Summer Classics because of the way we present the product," Jones said. "Summer Classics and The Summer House have similar values and views on customer service, high quality products, and delivering an exceptional experience every time someone comes into the store."

The Summer Classics Super SHOPS Program enters its 16th year, and is a program that gives the Dealer special discounts, advertising allowance and promotional materials if the Dealer will dedicate 1,500 square feet of their store to Summer Classics Products.

"They are a fantastic account because they just get it, and they understand how to order and display the product," said Carmen Squadrito, Summer Classics® Sales Representative for North Carolina.

The Summer House and Tiger Mountain Woodworks, the custom wood works division, is a complete home furnishing complex that includes a design showroom, The Kitchen Shop, and The Porch and Patio Store. The Summer House also features The "Idea Showhouse," which is a 3,500 square foot 3 bedroom home showcasing major manufacturers.

To celebrate this distinction, Summer House is offering a 30% discount on all stock merchandise and special orders to the end of the year. (See ad on page 11.)

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ment in meeting needs like these. We are not to waste money, time and energy. However, Christians are to do what we can to meet the legitimate needs of those we come in contact with on a daily basis.

Jesus went on to say in this parable that when we minister to the least of these people we have ministered to Him. Those being judged in this parable asked Jesus when did they minister to Him? Jesus answered that they ministered to Him each time they ministered to a needy person. Then Jesus states there were some who had not ministered to the needy and therefore had not ministered unto Him. Jesus then declares he will reward the faithful and punish the unfaithful.

Before I share my "Seven words to Live By," let me focus briefly on the kinds of ministries Jesus was saying we ought to be involved in as his disciples. First, these ministries are to be practical. We are to give a cup of water, a piece of bread, visit those in prison, and visit the sick. Second, these ministries are to be non-calculating. We are to do these ministries expecting nothing in return. We do these ministries because of legitimate needs and because Christ commands us to do them. Third, all of these ministries are to be Christ-centered. All of these ministries are done as kingdom

projects. They are done in the spirit and power of Christ and Christ gets all of the glory.

Now let me share with you my two phrases "Seven Words to Live By" which are found in Matthew 25:31-46. The first seven words are negative..."Depart from me, I never knew you!" Thank God, only non-Christians will hear these words at the final judgment.

Also, there are the positive "Seven Words to Live By." These are the words Christians will hear at the last judgment..."Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

As Christians serve and worship Christ, we need to live and be motivated daily by these seven words "Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you!"

**... JUST HERS**  
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tian upbringing. Every day, I would slink home, hoping to avoid this woman and her terrifying rages.

I never told my parents about her, and lived in daily fear of being handed over to strangers, never to see my parents, brother, and cat again.

One result of this terror was that I sucked my finger for years after most children give up this unfortunate habit. To this day, the pointer finger of my right hand is twisted, so that I cannot hold a pen or pencil normally. This was a distinction that got me noticed and punished in school, along with holding my knife and fork the European way. I wonder if my brother's experiences were similar. We've never discussed it, but I hope his integration into the Virginia public school system was less fraught than mine.

My parents' dreamed of saving up enough money to build their own home. Eventually, we bought a lot in an up and coming housing development not far from the Waynesboro Country Club. While waiting to build the actual house, we visited our property often, imagining where our rooms would be. In late summer, we harvested wormy apples which fell from the gnarled trees on our lot, part of an old orchard. We left Wayne Hills in 1958, leaving behind Loudoun Avenue, and my fears of being wrenched from the bosom of my family.

• Michelle lives in downtown Highlands with her two wonderful felines, Orion and Weasel. She credits her early school years for her stubborn nature, and fierce love of family. To this day, she loathes the Wizard of Oz.

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9) Strengthen and Direct Development Towards Existing Communities

10) Take Advantage of Compact Building Design

11) Reduce solid waste and provide convenient comprehensive recycling program.- year-round curbside pickup is preferred.

12) Energy plan that includes education and future renewable energy measures.

Finally, J-MCA uses NC General Statutes to back up its suggestions.

North Carolina Sustainable Development Principles as stated in General Statute 143b-344.34

(1) Better transportation choices. Offering safe, reliable, and economical motorized and nonmotorized transportation options to decrease household transportation costs, reduce dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health.

(2) Equitable, affordable housing. Encouraging the provision to North Carolina citizens of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities expanded location-, water-, and energy-efficient housing choices that increase mobility, decrease the impact on existing water and energy infrastructure, and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.

(3) Enhanced economic competitiveness. Expanding business access to markets and improving North Carolina's economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services, and other basic needs by workers.

(4) Support of existing communities. Targeting public funds toward existing communities that are using strategies such as transit-oriented, mixed-use development, and land recycling to increase community revitalization, enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of public works investments, and protect rural landscapes.

(5) Coordination and leverage of State policies and investment. Aligning State and local government policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the accountability and effectiveness of government in planning for future growth.

(6) Recognize and support communities and neighborhoods. Preserving and enhancing the unique characteristics of rural, urban, and suburban communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods.



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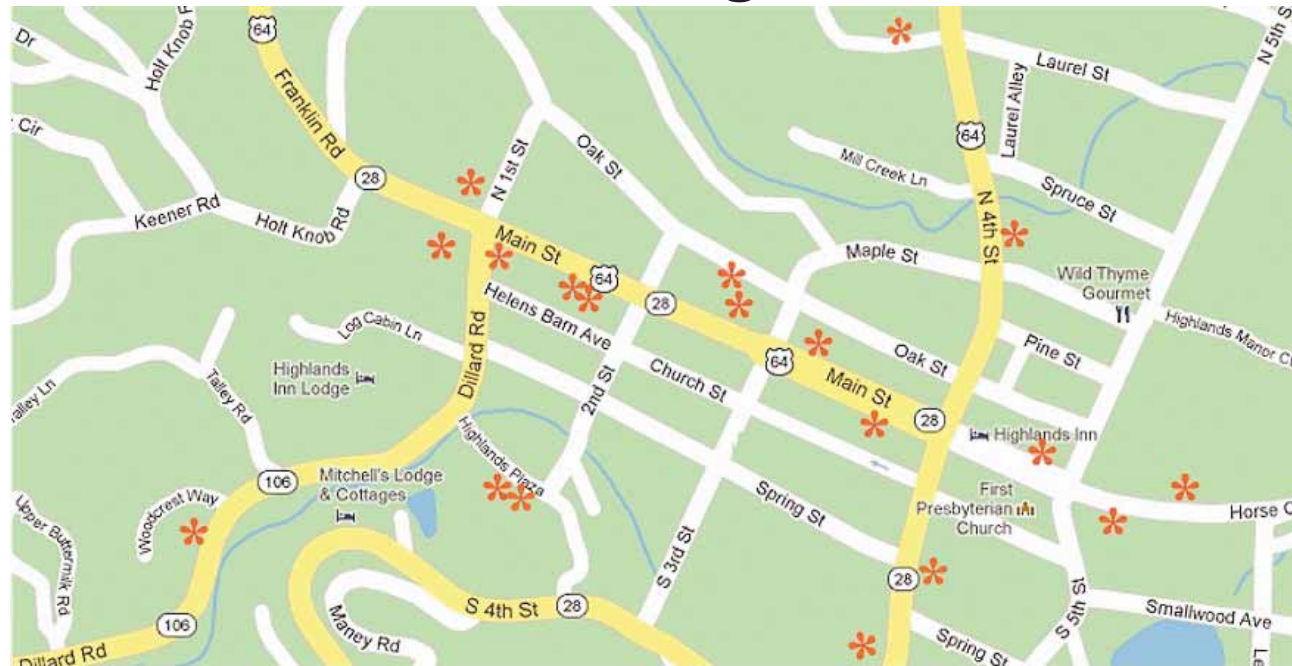
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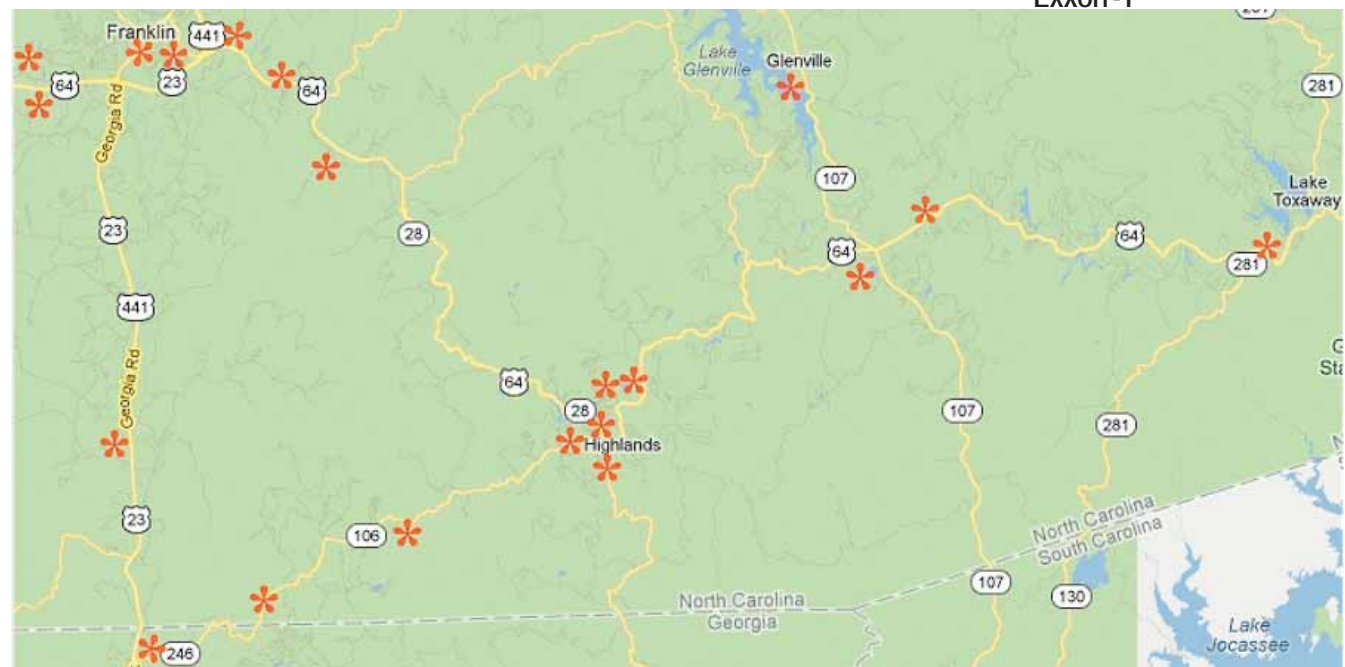


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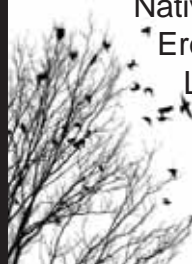


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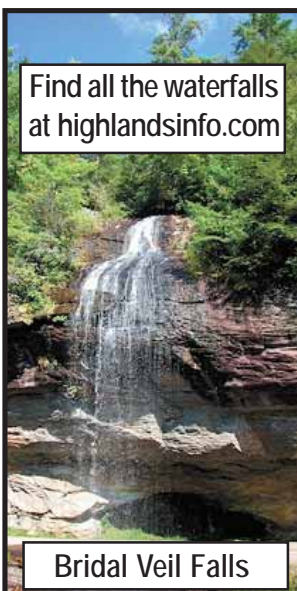
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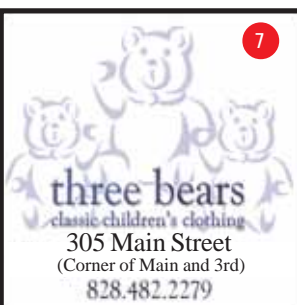
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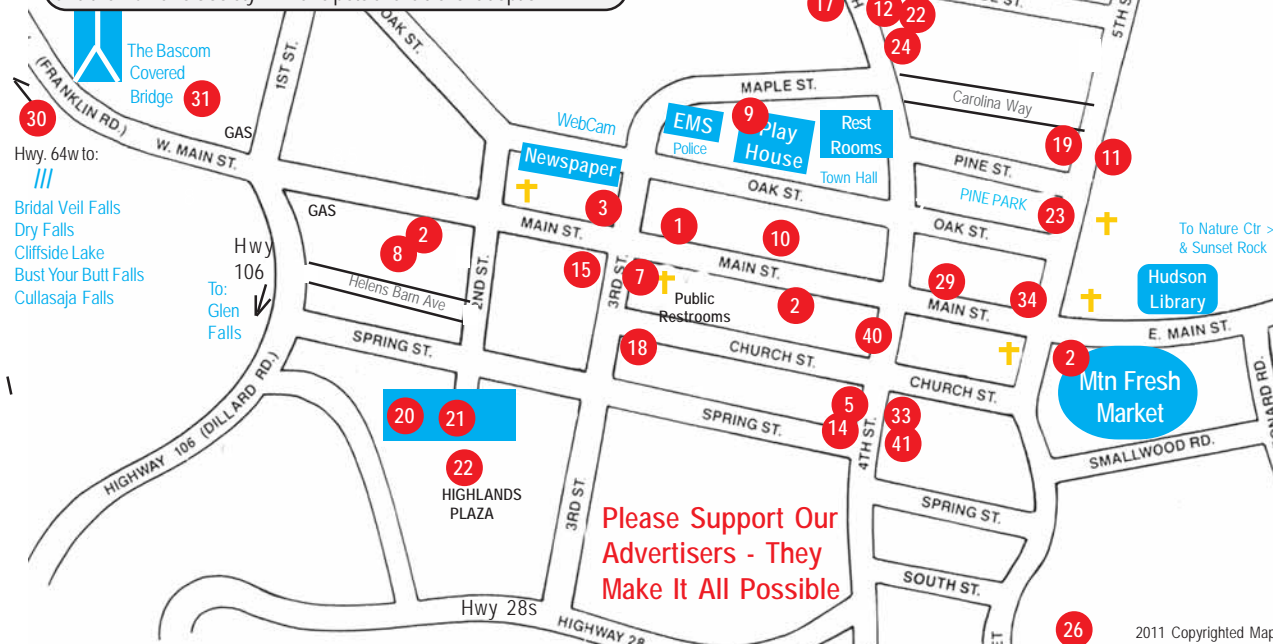
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