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July 4-20

• At the Highlands Playhouse, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. For ticket information call 526-9443.

Thurs., Sat., Sun, July 4, 6, 7

• Live music with Norma Jean on the lawn at Main Street in from 5-8p.

Thursday, July 4

• Games at the ballfield at 11 a.m. and BBQ at the Community Center sponsored by Highlands Rotary. Fireworks begin from the Rec Park around nine, or as soon as it's dark. Watch from anywhere in town.

• Free Patriotic Handbell concert at the HUMC on Main Street at 3 p.m.

• Free patriotic concert at 8 p.m. before the fireworks at the First Presbyterian.

Friday, July 5

• Friday Night Live Music in Town Square from 6-8p.

Fri., Sat., and Sun., July 5, 6, 7

• At Attitudes at Skyline Lodge, Hal Phillips on the piano.

Sat., July 6

• Highlands Farmer's Market in Highlands Plaza 9a to noon.

• At the Hen House on Main Street, Sallie's Jams and cheese toppers samplings Saturday 10-30a - 4:30p.

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

• Live, free concert in K-H Park on Pine Street from 6-8p.

• At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey. Free with admission to the recreation area for \$4 per vehicle.

• Beginners bird walk along Flat Mountain Road and the experimental tree farm in Highlands. Binoculars available. Call 743-9670 for info.

Monday, July 8

• The film "Birders: The Central Park Effect" in the Hudson Library in Highlands at 3 PM.

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ABC Store gave town \$83,733 in 2012

The state of the Highlands ABC Store has been the subject of several Town Board meetings since last year - culminating this budget year with free utilities.

The reason behind the move is to offset the store's decrease in profits since it moved from the

town-owned building which is now the Police Department to its bigger, more expensive space in Highlands Plaza.

At the June 20 public hearing on the budget, Commissioner Eric Pierson and Mayor David Wilkes lobbied hard for the ABC

Store's free utilities when it was questioned by citizen Slocum Howland. The store was billed 6,574.01 for utilities in 2012.

Commissioner Pierson said it's likely the effects of an ABC

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Fourth of July in Highlands

The Fourth of July is an all-day affair in Highlands. At 11 a.m., the Highlands Recreation Department holds traditional games at the ball field on Hickory Street. Games include a three-legged race, a water balloon toss, a water relay and a frozen t-shirt activity beginning at 11 a.m. The MAMA Helicopter will land sometime during the festivities and Highlands Rotary will be serving BBQ in the Community Building beginning at noon.

At 3 p.m., the Highlands United Methodist Church will present a Patriotic Music Handbell Concert in the sanctuary on Main Street and 8 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church will present its annual patriotic concert featuring the Men's Choir, organist Angie Jenkins and bagpiper Dave Landis.

Fireworks will be shot off from the Recreation Park when it gets dark and can be seen from anywhere in town -- usually around 9 p.m.

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Split vote reveals different mindsets

Macon County still has lowest tax rate in the state

By Davin Eldridge

After narrowly approving its proposed \$47,145,470 budget for the new fiscal year, County Commissioners find themselves in a state of differing political philosophies.

June's budget vote, following numerous work sessions, contentious debates and a public hearing, resulted in a 3-2 split vote. Commission chairman Kevin Corbin, a traditional Republican, along with Commissioners Ronnie Beale, a moderate Democrat, and Jim Tate, a moderate Republican, voted in favor of the budget, while conservative Republican Commissioners Paul Higdon and Ronnie Haven cast dissenting votes.

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• LETTERS •

The many 'cities' in Highlands

Dear Editor

Fred Wooldridge's letter in the June 27 edition "The tale of two cities ..." was right on. Highlands has got rich folks and those that are struggling.

If you want to see some of those who are struggling, come by the Community Care Clinic on Aunt Dora Road off of Buck Creek Road any Thursday night. That's clinic night when the working poor of the Highlands-Cashiers area come for free health care.

Many make appointments. Others walk in. All have some health problem or injury. Volunteer physicians and other providers treat them, give them prescriptions and in some cases refer them to specialists.

In many cases, the clinic can provide the prescriptions they need for free. Most say if the clinic wasn't available, they just wouldn't seek healthcare any place else. Those chronic problems they have would just get worse without the clinic.

If you are among those of us who love Highlands and came here for the beautiful weather and the quality of life that's found here, you can help those who are working to make ends meet, support their families, don't have health insurance, but need healthcare and can't afford it.

Write a check to the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc and send it to 52 Aunt Dora Drive; Highlands, NC 28741. The Clinic is helping people and your check will help the Clinic keep seeing those folks who need it every Thursday night.

Susan & Hoyt Andres
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Missing conscience

Dear Editor,

Surely this will not be the only letter written about the conflicts of interest displayed by the Town Board in offering free utilities as their generous gifts to certain special non profits.

Those who are not affected by the free utilities decision may not wish to be involved; but those who are left out of its de-

cision to offer free utilities to certain non profits it is a big deal. Do the ABC Store, Chamber of Commerce and The Highlands Playhouse deserve the gift more than say the Child Development Center?

Ever since the ABC Store moved to the Mitchell property, a large chunk of profit has gone for rent. I would like to know if we actually get more money for the town now than we did when the ABC Store was located on town property.

Maybe the town only needs to pay utilities for the non profits actually based on town property. Maybe the town could generously offer cut rate utilities to non profits—all of them, not just special ones.

Hopefully this problem can be solved fairly. I worry that when something gives the impression of unfairness a bit of trust for our elected officials shrinks. I thank the How-

lands for facing the entire town board and bringing this issue to the attention of the tax payers.

Glenda M Bell
Highlands

Hammering Higdon

Dear Editor,

There's been a lot of "Hammer on Higdon" sentiment in the news lately. Commissioner Higdon ran on a promise of smaller government, less spending and less taxes. It's refreshing to see a politician who is willing to stand by his convictions and promises! Higdon has not allowed any special interests to sway him.

Although Higdon, won his election by a substantial margin we continue to see one 3 to 2 vote after another with Haven usual-

ly siding with Higdon in the minority trying to control the growth of government and spending. Higdon and Haven recently tried to lower property taxes proposing a 4 ½ mil decrease and proving the county had the funds available. They felt the taxpayers could use a break. It fell on deaf ears. Not even a compromise or token ½ mil reduction.

Increased spending...will it ever stop? Ball fields, Sheriff Dept, Soccer fields, Schools, County Employee raises, etc. Did you know that although most county employees got maybe a 1,000+/- annual raise there's a bunch that got a 3,000 - 6,000 annual raise costing the county about 800,000 every year from here on? Did you get a raise? Did Macon County's economy grow by 6.8% last year? Is your income increasing?

Last years proposed budget was 44 Million. This year it's: 47 Million. That's a 3 Million increase (6.8%). Folks, this town and county are withering. Businesses closing, construction barely breathing, real estate still dominated by distress sales yet we continue to increase spending. The "headline" is that our taxes did not increase. Here in Burningtown our taxes did increase despite Higdon's opposition. So, Commissioner Higdon - THANK YOU for trying and PLEASE continue your fight! There's plenty of "quiet folks" out here that support you and Haven so stand tall! It would sure be nice to see others join you.

Bill Vernon
Franklin

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Prior to the vote, numerous department heads, community nonprofits, and other entities which regularly receive county assistance pled with the board for renewed (and at times increased) funding, in the face of state and federal reversions. Despite the financial obstacles, the board was able to pass a budget that proposed no new tax increases, while providing adequate services at the behest of worried department heads.

Just prior to the vote, Corbin briefly commented on the split board in an official statement. He also lauded County Manager Jack Horton And Chief Financial Officer Lori Hall for their work on the 2013-14 budget. Horton and Hall, he explained, were asked to carry out the di-

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LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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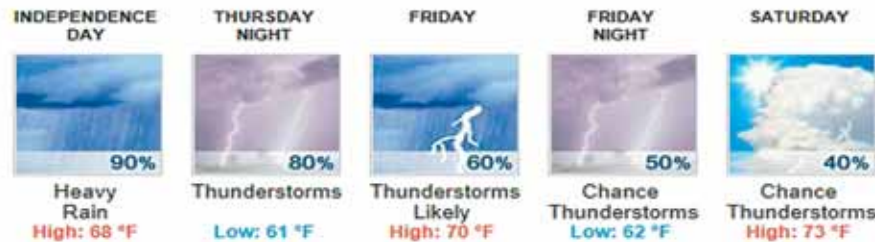
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rective of balancing the budget using current revenue sources without any tax increases. "That wound up being a tall order with the cuts the school system received from the State and Federal Governments," he said.

To balance the budget, Horton proposed that Commissioners use the approximate \$2 Million undesignated fund balance to primarily fund non-recurring, one time purchase expenses and acquisitions. "I think this is responsible budgeting and goes along with my guiding principles as a conservative when it comes to budgeting," Corbin said in his statement. "Irresponsible budgeting is when you use your savings (or undesignated fund balance) to fund all recurring expenses. Liberal budgeting, as I will call it, is what the federal government had done in funding projects with [stimulus funds] that they did not have when many local governments and school districts used that federal money to fund recurring expenses... Ask some folks how that worked out for them."

Corbin pointed out the U.S. federal government is currently approximately \$17 trillion in debt, while the local Macon County government is "blessed" to have a balanced budget—one with a projected fund balance of \$14,200,000 for the new fiscal year. "That will be almost exactly a 30% fund balance, or enough resources to operate the county for 3.6 months," said Corbin.

But while Corbin maintained that the budget was, by nature, drafted conservatively, he acknowledged the differing conservative points of view which make up the board politically.

"I know those of us who consider themselves conservative feel that having adequate operating capital is desired over being broke like the federal government and needing to look to raise taxes," Corbin continued. "We have held the line on taxes and at the same time are doing important things like funding our school, hiring one additional SRO for our sheriff, funding the replacement of safety equipment for our deputies and EMS worker, buying new lifesaving equipment for our ambulances, funding adequate and much needed recreation space, and much more. We are doing so with no tax increases and at the same time making sure the citizens of Macon County have adequate-but not excessive-services," Corbin said.

To make this happen, Corbin explained that the County, at the behest of Commissioner Jim Tate, has refinanced most of the county's debt at "substantially lower rates." In each case, Corbin commented, interest rates were lowered

through modification "with little or no cost to the taxpayer", which yielded savings of roughly \$2.5 million. "We commend Commissioner Tate for his vision and for Lori Hall for making it a reality. We have been successful in shifting expense in interest to banks to investment in schools, recreation, law enforcement, EMS, and other needed services."

Corbin boasted that Macon County continues to have the lowest tax rate in North Carolina, at 27.9 cents per \$100 valuation, citing a NC Department of Revenue tax rate figures, which calculated the effective tax rates of all 100 North Carolina counties as a factor of actual sales versus valuation. "These calculations place us as the forth lowest effective tax rate in the state of North Carolina," said Corbin. "Carteret County was at 31.71, Swain County at 31.86, Watauga County at 31.93, and coming in fourth from the lowest effective tax rate in the state—Macon, at 33.58."

With such figures in mind, Corbin urged his fellow commissioners to pass the budget ordinance unanimously. "It is conservative and responsible for the citizens of our county. To vote for it is to vote for the services provided. To vote against it will be to vote against the school budget, the sheriff's budget, The EMS budget, etc... You cannot vote against it and claim to be in support of these services," he said. "You must also vote to pay for it. I hope each of you will support the budget as presented tonight."

But Macon's newly adopted budget is not conservative enough, according to Commissioners like Ron Haven or Paul Higdon, who professed their belief that they "vote their conscience."

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I know who your secret lover is!

There's a phenomenon occurring in America that hasn't happened since the invention of the telephone. Even in li'l ole Highlands, there are secret meetings occurring between politicians who don't even like each other or get along. Everyone is cooperating with everyone. Kumbayah's are flying everywhere.

Nationally, party affiliation no longer matters. Race no longer matters. Religious affiliations no longer matter. Gays and homophobes are putting their heads together. (Hummmm) America has rallied around a single cause: Get Edward Snowden. He's the not too bright traitor/



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hero (make a choice) GED educated employee of the NSA who swiped a gazillion phone documents from the NSA. With a twelve dollar memory stick on sale at Wal-Mart, he downloaded it all and disappeared. He must be captured, maybe even snuffed, before he reveals secret phone calls made by world and national leaders to their secret lovers. Yes, I said secret lovers.

Ha, and you thought all this brouhaha was about national security and fear that Russia and/or China would get the codes to shut down our missile defense system and crush us once and for all. Guess again, turkey-breath. This is all about who is sleeping with who.....or should I say whom? It's about

who is playing 'hide the sausage' with who...or whom? It's about who is poking fun at who....or whom. Well, you get the picture, right?

Since the li'l missus and I are joined at the hip, we don't have secret lovers; we are secret lovers. But we have a different issue with Snowden. Ya see, we own a Verizon cell phone and make four or five calls to the Middle East each week. We expect NSA agents to come pounding on our door at anytime to question us about the possibility we're having phone sex with the Arabs. NOT GUILTY! For us, it's just idle chit-chat with our son and his wife who live there. Besides, sex is something the Middle East folks don't even acknowledge exists. Children are created through osmosis.

Oh, and if you would like for me to publish the secret lover's name and phone number of your worst enemy, call me on my international cell phone in Dubai at 1-800-har-har-you-are-toast.

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"In my opinion we have three democrats on our board of commissioners," said Haven. "I don't care how they are registered. If you believe you're a conservative, and you're wasting taxpayer money, I won't agree that you're a republican or a conservative... I try to uphold conservative ideals."

Haven maintains that, while in the end he voted to provide increased services, many expenditures could have been kept to a minimum.

"My opinion is that spending got out of hand last year, and other members aren't being as responsible with tax money as they could be."

Commissioner Ron Beale voted in-step with Corbin, and pushed for increased public health services, according to official minutes.

"The board has definitely changed a lot," said Beale who in his second term has seen eight commissioners come and go. "I think that my colleagues all view government spending differently. Needs will always continue to increase and be you a conservative or a moderate, we have to always consider that. Bit I believe this board can work together as we did with this budget."

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Store opening up in Cashiers could be detrimental to the Highlands ABC Store profit line. He further said a certain profit percentage must be maintained or the ABC Commission could shut the store down.

However, Anges Stevens, public affairs director with the ABC Commission of North Carolina said that's not true.

"There is no set profit percentage that must be maintained," she said. "However the ABC Commission does encourage stores to make a profit; but there is no set percentage."

In August 2006, the ABC Board asked the town to

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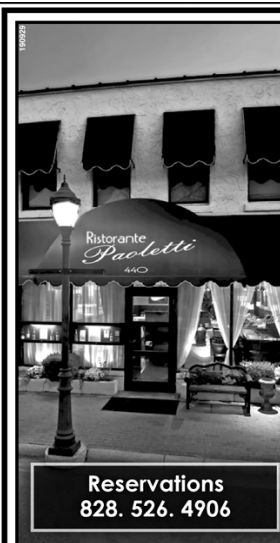
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A bridge too far?

I have succumbed to many temptations in life. Others, however, have been easier to avoid. Smoking has never held any charm for me, and I can honestly say I've never smoked a cigarette in my life. I am only a recent convert to driving. And while I've been known to gambol, I don't like to gamble, because of a dubious ancestor who squandered his money on fast women and slow horses. When you are the youngest of four people in a household, it takes a certain amount of stubbornness not to go with the flow. My parents and brother were all keen tennis players, and when they weren't playing tennis, they were playing bridge. A lackluster tennis player at best, I nonetheless gave it a valiant effort, but as for card games, I felt that bridge was really a bridge too far.

Bridge nights had been fun at our house when I was growing up. Daddy set up our three bridge tables in the living room. My job was to dress the tables from our collection of tablecloths with matching napkins. We had an assortment of playing cards - many souvenirs from ocean liners or international flights. Scoring pads were put out; tiny pencils were sharpened in the pantry. The finishing touch was filling up small glass dishes with pastel mints. This was a treat for us, because we were seldom allowed to eat candy, except on bridge nights. The same was true for sodas - normally a family "no-no", my parents would bring out big bottles of 7-Up and Canada Dry ginger ale for those special evenings.

Eric and I would greet the arriving bridge players at the door - taking coats, gloves, and scarves in cold weather. My parents' friends were mostly a combination of Daddy's GE colleagues, and the parents of our classmates. My folks claimed that there were households where you never saw the kids; they stayed in their rooms the whole time, ignoring the adults. It was a treat for us to have guests - to have them ask about school and hobbies, to be told how grown-up we were getting. We would never have thought of having adults in the house without coming to say "hi". In a way, these kind people were like the aunts and uncles we never got to see because our own real family lived too far away. Having met all the



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visitors, we stole a few candies, and snuck off back to our bedrooms to do homework, sodas in hand. I'll never forget drifting off to sleep to the sound of adult voices, often laughing, sometimes frustrated, calling out "no trump" to the tune of clinking cocktail glasses. I thought bridge was a magical, grown-up ritual, full of secret rules and codes, which I would learn one day. Can you imagine? Sometimes they

even called someone the "dummy"! How cool was that?

In Key West, my parents had learned to play bridge, along with other card games like pinochle and canasta. Somehow, I never wound up in a group of people who played bridge, and then, like driving, it seemed almost mortifying to admit I didn't know how. John played at Yale, a fact that stunned me. When I was in college, I didn't have time to eat and sleep, much less play cards. When I came to Highlands, it seemed this might be the place where I would finally learn to play bridge. Like many things in life, it wasn't that easy.

I had gone to an Open House held by neighbors. Most of the people there were nodding acquaintances, with a few strangers thrown in for good measure. One of these was a tall, strikingly handsome middle-aged woman. We began to chat, and found that we had many things in common, a European background and travel among them. I was delighted to make her acquaintance, pleased that, in her, I'd found someone with whom I could talk about things that might get you branded a snob in a small town. And then came the crushing blow. I had been talking about concerts and lectures that she might be of interest to her, when she stopped me dead in my tracks. "Do you play bridge?" she intoned, in a voice heavy with judgment. "No, I don't," I replied, "Well, at least not yet." Suddenly icy and distant, she was brief and to the point. "All of my social life revolves around playing bridge. So, if you don't play, I guess we won't be running into each other." And with that, she turned on her heels, and strode away, never giving me so much as a backward glance. I

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stood there, crushed, with my glass of wine, and a half-eaten chip covered in pimento cheese. Nope, this hadn't been Casablanca. It was not the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

My mother died in March, my marvelous card-playing mother who was so secretly proud of her beautiful hands, which she regularly showed off when playing bridge. The Mead family had lost not only a matriarch, but also a bridge player, and I wondered if it wasn't time to step up to the plate. CLE was offering "Beginner Bridge", which claimed to be for people who had never played bridge before. The course was taught by Duane Meeter, who I am personally nominating for sainthood. The class was in two sessions of three hours each, just enough to test the waters without drowning. Even for an absolute beginner, there's a lot you can learn in six hours. "Diamonds are a girl's best friend", but spades are even better. "Taking tricks" isn't even remotely related to "turning tricks." We even learned about the famous Bennett Murder case, where a woman murdered her husband over his bidding and playing of a bridge hand in 1929 – and was acquitted.

So, am I a convert to bridge? Yes, I think I am. It would certainly be nice to play more. One thing puzzled me, though. "Famous for being famous" Kim Kardashian and Kanye West recently had a baby girl, and named her "North." I just spent two whole days being "East," and People magazine hasn't even called me yet. Am I upset? Not this dummy.

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renew its lease at \$1 a year for 10 more years so it could expand. The plan was to use the downstairs for office and storage and to expand the upstairs for more product.

At that time, the Town Board told the ABC Board that its five-year plan for expansion of Town Hall included the use of the current ABC building and that the ABC Board should begin looking for a new location.

At that point, commissioners gave the ABC Board the "verbal" OK to withhold Local profit proceeds earmarked for the town so it could prepare for its future needs.

During fiscal year 2008-'09 a resolution was signed allowing for the continued withholding of its Local Distribution Funds.

In 2008, David Wilkes, then president of the ABC Board, began negotiating with Margaret O'Donnell for a space in Highlands Plaza. He said the location would increase traffic, enable the store to expand and offer more products. A 20-year lease was negotiated.

With the "few hundred thousand dollars" the store had put aside with the Local distribution reprieve, the

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Again, an 18-Wheeler closes Gorge Road



Recently on Thursday, June 20 and then again on Friday, June 28, 18-wheelers traveling illegally on US 64 (The Gorge Road) have forced traffic to a standstill for hours. On Friday a truck carrying rock to Highlands got snagged at the first curve on the gorge, impaling an oncoming SUV. Photo by Kim Lewicki

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Making the tummy flat

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When I first started doing tummy tucks, it was the only procedure available to rejuvenate the abdomen. Therefore, we did them for excess fat as well as for excess skin. After the introduction of liposuction, however, indications changed to generally just excess skin, which was almost exclusively following pregnancy. However, particularly over the last 10 or 15 years, the most common reason for doing a tummy tuck is significant excess skin remaining after weight loss. Today we not only see people who have lost significant weight from diet and exercise, but also those who have undergone surgical procedures for weight loss.

The procedure consists of removing essentially all the fat and skin from below the umbilicus, stretching the skin and fat from above the umbilicus to cover the entire abdomen, and relocating a modified belly button to its proper location. While doing this, the underlying muscle is tightened to cinch the waist and also flatten the tummy. Additionally, localized areas of fat, either in the flanks or centrally in the abdomen, can be modified, usually using liposuction as an adjunct. Although the scar is relatively long and stretches

from hip to hip, it can be modified so that it will hide under a very skimpy bikini or a French-cut swim suit and there are techniques to make it almost invisible.

Surgery takes approximately three to four hours, using general anesthesia and can be done as an outpatient or with an overnight hospital stay. Recovery time ranges from two weeks to a month or longer. The reason recovery takes as long as it does is because we put the skin together so tightly. We have found that if we simply remove what comes off easily and allow for simple closure in a flat position, the skin stretches back and you have loose skin again in about six months to a year. By bending the table to flex the waist and putting the tissues together exceptionally tightly, you will still be tight at a year and longer. The down side of this is that you walk around somewhat bent over for about a week, as it takes about that long for the tissues to stretch and for you to straighten totally. Although most discomfort from the surgery itself is gone in several days, until you are able to stand up straight it is the back that bothers you the most. With a balanced



Dr. Robert Buchanan
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diet and regular exercise, results are long lasting. In fact, many people even lose more weight after the procedure. We assume that this is because their satiation center resets because of their new svelte self.

Sometimes, by doing more liposuction (a mini-abdominoplasty), you can have a shorter scar if the only excess skin you have is in the lower abdomen. With this procedure, we can also tighten the upper abdominal muscles and thin the waist by using an endoscope (a lighted tube which projects the area under the skin to a TV screen) through a small incision within the umbilicus.

No matter what method is necessary to achieve a flat tummy, the procedure markedly changes the appearance of the abdomen and the way one fits in clothing. It can, in the case of markedly excess skin, also reduce rashes and irritation. In spite of the rather long recovery, I find an exceptionally high satisfaction rate with this procedure.

• Dr. Buchanan practices full time in Highlands. For more information, visit PlasticSurgeryToday.com.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Ongoing

• Registration is now open for the 2013 summer Nature Day Camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are being offered: "WOW! – a World of Wonder" (ages 4-6), "Amazing Animals" (ages 7-10), "NatureWorks" (ages 8-11),

"Mountain Explorers" (ages 10-13), and "Junior Ecologists" (ages 11-14). Most camps are offered more than once during the summer and sessions run from Tuesday to Friday each week. For complete schedules, costs, and other information, please call 828-526-2623 or visit the summer camps webpage at www.highlandsbiological.org.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

- Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.
- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$5 per class or \$40 a month.
- Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a. \$5 per class. First class free.

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.

Monday & Thursday

• Hatha Yoga – Body n' Soul. 10:45a at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. R.Y.T. and YA (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

Tues.-Sat.

• The Bookworm in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street is 10a-4p.
Tuesdays



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Mountains in Bloom welcomes Flower Magazine founder Margot Shaw

Margot Shaw of flower magazine, sponsor of its summer Mountains in Bloom garden festival, will be participating. Not only will Shaw be a special guest at the Volunteer Preview Event on Thursday, July 11, but she also will present the award for the Best in Show in the flower arranging division on Saturday, July 13.

she began looking for a lifestyle magazine on flowers. Nothing existed at the time except industry publications and catalogs, so Shaw decided to start her own magazine and flower was born, debuting in 2007 in the Southeast. The seasonal publication was the first in the United States geared to flower enthusiasts, novice and professional floral designers.

The theme of this year's Mountains in Bloom is "Come Rain or Come Shine." Other events from Thursday, July 11 through Sunday, July 14, include a luncheon and lecture by Kathryn Greeley, author of The Collected Tabletop; tours of the featured private gardens on Friday and Saturday, including luncheon served both days on The Bascom terrace; wonderful flower show exhibits throughout the campus, as well as featured exhibi-



tions in the main gallery spaces, always free; and a benefactor-only dinner on Sunday at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn, when Robert Balentine, CEO of Balentine, event sponsor, will present the coveted Balentine Award.

Garden tour tickets are \$80 per person until June 15; after that, the price is \$85. Mark your calendar and secure your tickets early! Contact Claire Cameron, Events Manager, for more information at ccameron@thebascom.org or call 828-282-2882.

• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

• 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

• Hatha Yoga – Body n' Soul. 7:45a at First Presbyterian Church. R.Y.T and Y.A. (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

• 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 am.

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

• The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library

on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

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

1st and last Wednesdays

• Kayak demo's and roll clinics are held the first and last Wednesday of every month throughout the pool season from 4:30-8 p.m.

1st Wednesday

• Movies at the Hudson Library. Children/ Family movies at 3:30 p.m. Free including popcorn. Bring your own soft drinks. 828- 526-3031 for movie information.

3rd Wednesday

• Movies at the Hudson Library. Recently released movies at 2 p.m. Free including popcorn.

Bring your own soft drinks. 828-526-3031 for movie information.

Thursdays

• Live music with Norma Jean on the lawn at Main Street in from 5-8p.

• The public is invited to participate in these free lectures, which will be held each Thursday evening at 7pm from July 11th through August 29th at the Highlands Nature Center at 930 Horse Cove Road in Highlands. More details about upcoming lectures will follow in subsequent issues. For a full schedule of lectures, as well as information on other programs available at the Highlands Biological Station, please visit www.highlandsbiological.org or call the Highlands Biological Foundation at 828-526-2221.

Fridays through August

• The Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center presents Friday Night Live in Town Square. Save the dates as the season festivities will be held every Friday, from 6-8pm. Scheduled performances feature area musicians and a variety of musical styles and talents.

Fri., Sat., and Sun.

• At Attitudes at Skyline Lodge, Hal Philips on

the piano Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday brunch.

Fridays

• Free, Grief Support Group, 10:30am-noon at the Jane Woodruff Clinic - Suite 201, on the H-C Hospital campus. Questions? Call 828-692-6178 or email: mlee@fourseasonscfl.org

Saturdays

• At The Bascom, knitters meet from 10AM to noon.

• Highlands Farmer's Market in Highlands Plaza 9a to noon. Fresh vegetables, Flowers, breads, baked goods, craft items, jewelry.

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

• Live, free concert in K-H Park on Pine Street from 6-8p.

Sat. & Sun.

• Live music with Norma Jean on the lawn at the Main Street Inn 12:30-3:30p.

July 4-20

• At the Highlands Playhouse, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. For ticket infor-

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HUMC's Handbell Concert of Patriot Music



Thursday, July 4th at 3 p.m.

Show your love for America as you hear The Mountain Top Ringers, the handbell choir of Highlands United Methodist Church, present an afternoon concert of patriotic music on Thursday, July 4 at 3 p.m. The concert is at Highlands United Methodist Church on Main Street and is free. The group, directed by Les Scott, HUMC Minister of Music, is composed of eleven members, from both HUMC and First Presbyterian Church, ringing 4 1/2 octaves of hand bells. The concert will include all your patriotic favorites as well as a few surprises.

Free July 4 patriotic concert at First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church will present the annual patriotic concert at 8 pm on Thursday, July 4. The free concert will last approximately 45 minutes, ensuring plenty of time to watch the town fireworks display. Featured will be Dave Landis, bagpipes; Larry Black, trumpet; Angie Jenkins, pipe organ; and the Highlands Male Chorus under the direction of Joe Powell, with Carol Guise as accompanist. Come dressed as you are. In the event the fireworks display is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicapped entrances are located on Church Street and on 5th Street.





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**Sunday-Monday, June 30-July 1 “The Four Bs:
Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Bill”**
William Preucil, violin and William Ransom, piano
Bach, Beethoven, Brahms

Friday-Saturday, July 12-13 “The Eroica Trio”
Sara Sant’Ambrogio, cello;
Ericka Nickrenz, piano; Sara Parkins, violin

Sunday-Monday, July 14-15 “Eroica Plus”
The Eroica Trio; Miles Hoffman, viola; Margeaux Maloney, violin
Loiell, Dvorak, Schumann

Friday-Saturday, July 19-20 “The Magic Flute”
The Vega String Quartet; Anthony Reiss, flute;
Roeland Hendriks, clarinet; Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup, harp
Mozart, Arnold, Faure, Ibert, Beethoven

Sunday-Monday, July 21-22
The Vega String Quartet; Roeland Hendriks, clarinet;
William Ransom, piano
Beethoven, Piet Swerts, Schubert

Friday-Saturday, July 26-27 “Ransom Solo”
William Ransom, piano
Chopin, Beethoven, Gershwin

Sunday-Monday, July 28-29 “The Joy of Sax”
Leo Saguiguit, classical sax; Dwight Andrews, jazz sax;
Elena Cholakova, classical piano; Gary Motley, jazz piano


Friday-Saturday, August 2-3
The Parker String Quartet
Mozart, Schulhoff, Beethoven

Sunday-Monday, August 4-5
The Parker String Quartet; William Ransom, piano
Beethoven, Shostakovich, Dvorak

Friday-Saturday, August 9-10 “Sibling Rivalry”
David and Julie Coucheron, violin and piano;
Kate and William Ransom, violin and piano
Debussy, Prokofiev, Leclair, Franck

Final Gala Concert and Dinner: Sunday, August 11
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• HIGHLANDS UPCOMING EVENTS •

mation call 526-9443.

Thursday, July 4

• July 4th games at the ballfield at 11 a.m.
and BBQ at the Community Center sponsored by

Highlands Rotary. Fireworks begin from the Rec
Park around nine, or as soon as it's dark. Watch
from anywhere in town.

• Free Patriotic Handbell concert at the High-

Designer and Author Kathryn Greeley joins The Bascom's Mountains in Bloom for luncheon lecture



Talented author and interior design Kathryn Greeley will headline a luncheon and lecture during Mountains in Bloom, The Bascom's popular summer fundraiser, on Thursday, July 11, at 11:30 am at Coleman Hall at Highlands Presbyterian Church. Ms. Greeley is author of *The Collected Tabletop*, now in its third printing. Owner of Kathryn Greeley Designs, she has provided professional interior design services throughout the Southeast for more than 30 years. An avid gardener, cook and collector, Ms. Greeley is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in interior design.

Known for her gracious entertaining and expert knowledge of tabletop collections, Ms. Greeley is a major tastemaker in the design and entertaining industries. She has developed her sense of style from extensive training, experience and travel, leading to her design philosophy described as “collected, not decorated.”

To sign up for the luncheon and lecture, go to www.thebascom.org/mountains-in-bloom/home or contact Claire Cameron, Events Manager, at 828-787-2882 or email at ccameron@thebascom.org.

Sagee Manor Gardens open for tours two Saturdays in July



Sagee Manor is home to one of the finest gardens in the Southeast and features mainly native plants. For tickets to the tour contact the Church of the Incarnation office (828-526-2968) for reservations, or go to www.incarnationwnc.org to purchase tickets using a credit card. Tickets are also available at the church office Monday through Friday. The cost per person is \$30. Tour times for both dates, Saturdays, July 20 and July 27 are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m.

• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

lands United Methodist Church on Main Street at 3 p.m.

• Free patriotic concert at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands. Will last 45 minutes right before the town's fireworks display.

Sat. July 6

• At the Hen House on Main Street, Sallie's Jams and cheese toppers. Friday 1-5pm and Saturday 10-30a - 4:30p We will be sampling a summer fruit salad and several cheeses with her prod-

ucts.

• At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust. Featuring live raptors at 1 p.m., at the patio. No pets allowed. Program is free with admission to the recreation area

for \$4 per vehicle. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

• Dine out for Literacy at Subway, On the Side, The Orchard, Cork and Barrel, Carolina Smokehouse, Wendy's and Zookeeper. A percentage of your total bill will be donated to the Literacy Council of Cashiers, a 501C3 organi-

zation.

• Bluegrass Duel 2013 featuring Nitrograss and the Dappled Grays. Highlands PAC 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands 828.526.9047 www.highlandspac.org.

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Vince Dooley, Former UGA Football Coach at CLE

The Center for Life Enrichment is hosting Coach Vince Dooley in an evening event on Tuesday, July 9 from 6 - 8 p.m. Coach Dooley had a remarkable record at UGA, winning 201 games, six southeastern Conference Championships, and one National Championship. His teams were noted for their aggressive and tenacious defenses and conservative yet fundamentally sound offenses featuring power football. His honors, among others, include "National Coach of the Year award" following the 1980 season, induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, 1994, the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award presented by the American Football Coaches Association in 2001, and the Homer Rice Award in 2007, the highest honor given by the Division 1-A Athletic Directors Association.

In the up-close and personal evening with Vince, he will discuss and give his perspective of college football, which occupies a central position in the pantheon of American athletic events. Football's popularity as it has



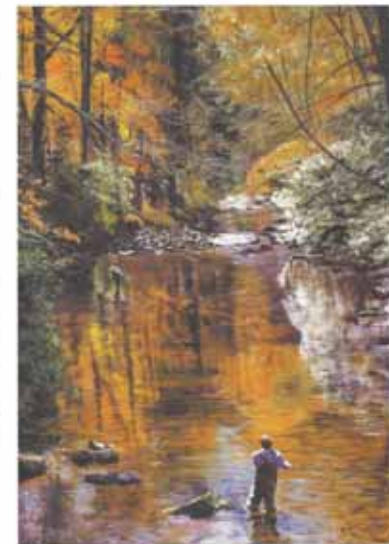
evolved as a key part of the backdrop of higher education as a spectator sport has created a number of positive as well as negative issues. Is it good or bad? Why do institutions of higher learning, especially in the South, continue to add programs despite the reality of the great costs of these programs as well as adding additional costs owing to the Title 9 issue and the expansion of women's sports programs? What about the athletes and how they are rewarded given the enormous money flows into contemporary big-time football? Vince will ad-

dress these and other issues in this presentation on College Football in America.

Plan to join Vince at this special event. To be held at the Center for Life Enrichment Lecture Hall, 348 S. Fifth Street, Highlands (lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center). Seating is limited, so go online to www.clehighlands.com or call 828 526-8811 to make your reservations. Tickets are \$25 for CLE members and \$35 for non-members.

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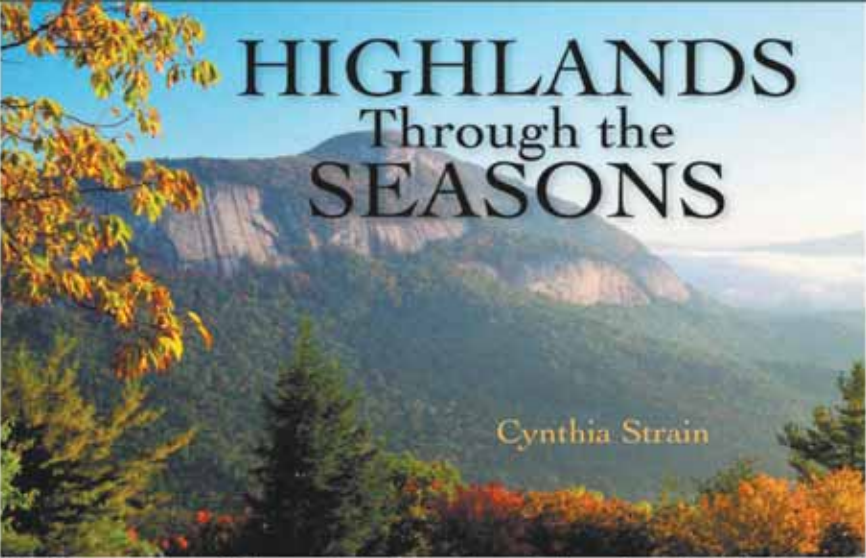
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Welcomes UGA Football Coach Legend Vince Dooley
Tuesday, July 9 6-8 CLE Lecture Hall
Coach Dooley will speak on college football's role and position in higher education including why colleges continue to add programs despite the great cost and how athletes are rewarded given the enormous amount of money flowing into football.

Other Programs Week of July 8-13

Monday, July 8, 3-5, Clint Eastwood Lecture
followed by the movie *Unforgiven* at **Highlands Playhouse at 7**. Colin Mackey will explore Eastwood's career from his early days in spaghetti westerns to his to critical acclaim with directorial masterpieces.

Wednesday, July 10, 10-12, Myths and Legends of the Misunderstood Spider
Do spiders scare you or do you find them interesting? Dr. Kefyn Catley, Professor of Biology at Western Carolina will explore the spider as a cultural icon in literature and legends.

Thursday, July 11, 10-12, Designer Genes and the Ethics of Human Enhancement
Dr. Daniel DeNicola, Professor of Philosophy at Gettysburg College, discusses the growing world of bionics, cloning and other scientific achievements.

Thursday, July 11, 2-4, Understanding Africa Through It's Art
Africa's art-from rural to modernistic tells us alot about life both polictical and economic.Dr. Jessica Stephenson, Curator of African Art at the Carlos Museum at Emory, will discuss traditional art forms, novel urban popular genres, and elite academic modernistic art, weaving a story and giving a better understanding of a changing continent.

For more information and complete schedule: *The Curious Mind*
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• HIGHLANDS UPCOMING EVENTS •

- Local Audubon will host a beginners bird walk along Flat Mountain Road and the experimental tree farm in Highlands. Binoculars available. Meet in the Highlands Town Hall parking lot near the public restrooms at 7:30 am to carpool. For addition information, call 743-9670 or visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org.
- DANCE at the Franklin American Legion Sat. night from 8 to 10:30 PM. Non- members welcome. Non-smoking. For more information call PH 828-369-9155.
- Monday, July 8**
 - Highlands Plateau Audubon is showing the film, "Birders: The Central Park Effect" in the Hudson Library in Highlands at 3 PM. This delightful 60 minute movie is about bird watching in the center of New York City. This program is offered with the cooperation of the library. For more information, visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org.
 - Tuesday, July 9**
 - The Story Swap is Back. Come and listen to stories on Tuesday at 7 pm, at the Ugly Dog Pub at 294 S. Fourth St. in Highlands. If you have a 3-7 minute story to tell or read, call 526-8322. Pre-registration is required.
 - Wed., July 10**
 - Free Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church on Main Street at 2 p.m.
 - Thursday, July 11**
 - Stream sampling with the Highlands Biological Station staff from 10am until 2pm. They will be exploring streams, conducting aquatic sampling and learning about the state of our streams. Participants will sample and identify macro-invertebrates in Caney Fork, a tributary to the Tuckasegee River, and learn how scientists use these macro-invertebrates for bio-monitoring. Please register in advance by calling (828) 526-2221.
 - The Rotary Club of Cashiers and the Rotary Club of Highlands come together for Tooth Fairy Rotary Bingo on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30p at the Highlands Community Building. Tooth Fairy Bingo benefits the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic in Cashiers which serves Macon, Jackson and surrounding counties. It's \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games. Half of all money paid to play Bingo will be awarded to winners and half will go to the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic. Refreshments are free.


HCCMF's 'Salon at Six' treat for the senses

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival is offering a wonderful evening to complement its dynamic 32nd season.

Salon at Six will be staged from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at the home of Bob and Olivia Holt. It will feature wine and light hors d'oeuvres. Center-piece of the evening is playwright Alfred Uhry, who will speak on "Music and Me."

Uhry is distinguished as the only American playwright to have won a Pulitzer Prize, an Academy Award and two Tony Awards.

A graduate of Brown University, Uhry began his professional career as a lyric writer under contract to the late Frank Loesser. In that capacity, he made his Broadway debut in 1968 with "Here's Where I Belong." His first major success came when he collaborated with Robert Waldman on a musical adaptation of Eudora Welty's "The Robber Bridegroom," which opened at the Mark Taper Forum in 1976 and went on to Broadway, winning Mr. Uhry his first Tony nomination. He followed that with five re-created musicals at the Goodspeed Opera House. His first play, "Driving Miss Daisy" opened at Playwrights Horizons Theatre in New York in 1987. It moved subsequently to the John Houseman Theatre where it ran for three years and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988. The film ver-



Alfred Uhry

Uhry is also the brother of Highlands Chamber Music Festival board member Ann Uhry Abrams.

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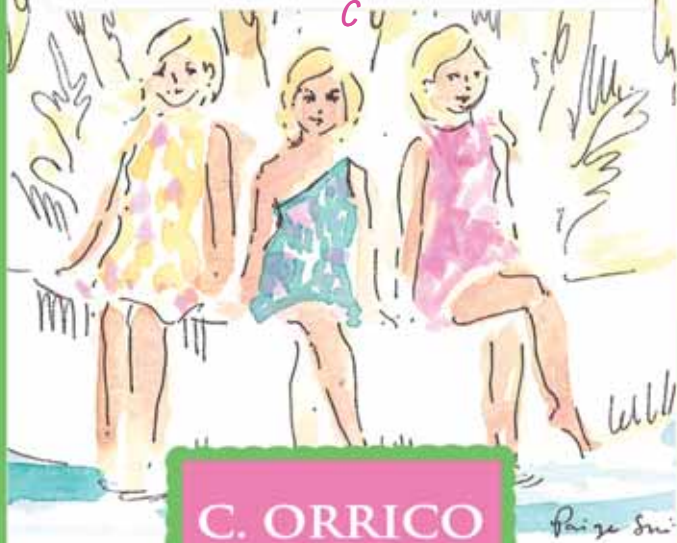
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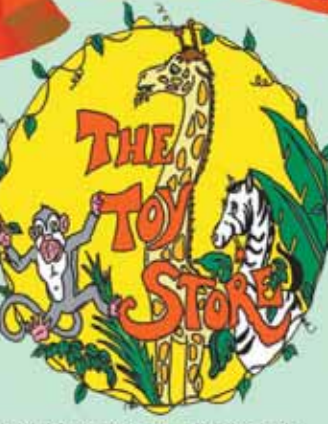


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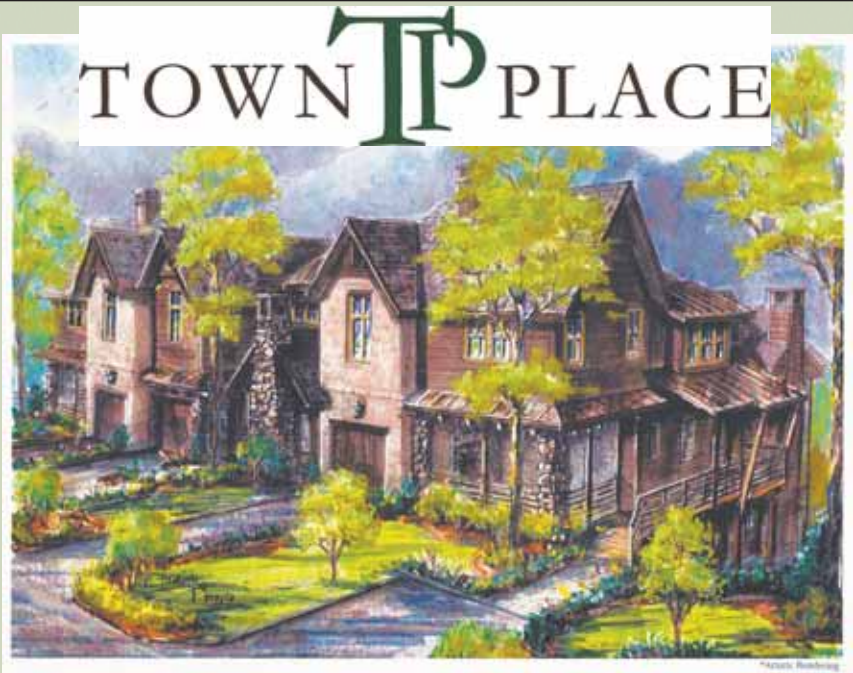


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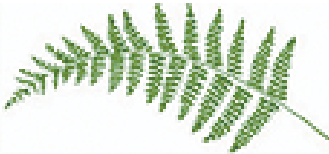
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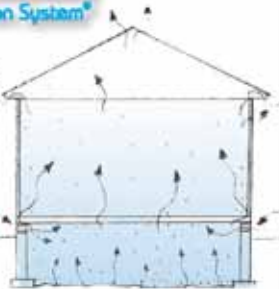
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In 2008, Total income: \$1,439,348; Expenses: \$1,008,644; Profit: \$145,977 (10.1%); Distribution – Law \$5,243; Alcohol Ed: \$7,340; Local \$5,335.

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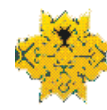
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I was raised Catholic, I think the term is cradle Catholic. In a Catholic home it was not difficult to follow God's call. Maybe I did it out of obedience to my parents. There was not much keeping me from being Catholic, not much opposition to the practice of our faith. Indeed there were many things we did that reinforced our faith, like the celebration of religious holidays. Families were not divided by the practice of the faith. Those who have joined the faith later in life sometimes did it a great peril and perhaps alienation from their families. At times, they seem to be the best Christians, having given up so much to follow the Lord's call.

It is like the culture of the time of Jesus. Parents turned away from their children and children from their parents over religion. The first people who heard the gospel of Jesus Christ found it very difficult and even had to risk their lives to practice their Christianity. And perhaps we are returning to days like these. Religious freedom is compromised by laws, so many families no longer worship together as children are swept up by popular culture. Our worship each week is seen as without value or perhaps just insurance against eternal damnation. Lost is the sense of worshiping God as a community. It is just putting in time. This is not the wholehearted response God wants.

Jesus spoke about how complete our response to God must be. Now Jesus sounds demanding, even cruel, as he asks the man to abandon the burial of his father and instead follow him. Now there is nothing wrong with burying the dead – we call it a corporal work of mercy. Even the commandment tells us to honor our father and mother. What Jesus must be referring to is any excuse that would keep us from following him. Following Jesus must be first; the burial can be done only as something secondary. Nothing, not even family, is a valid excuse for not following the Lord. Singleness of purpose and priority in following God is essential.

But our zeal for the kingdom of God is not to go overboard. Though we are our brother's keeper, we are not to force anyone to join us in our faith or worse yet do what the disciples wanted to do when they were rejected by the Samaritans. They wanted to call down fire from heaven to destroy them. They are ultimately answerable for their own choice and there is no way to know if that is their final choice. As Christians we want all to be saved. What Jesus is saying is leave them to the patience of God.

So, we follow Jesus without hesitation or delay. We should never count the cost, but instead be thankful that we have been called to follow the Lord. In that context, may we employ our religious freedom to follow God's call freely and bring others to the faith not by forcing but through our prayer and good works.

John 3:16

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Highlands PD log entries from June 6 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 6

• At 10:32 p.m., Gregory Alan Conkling, 52, of Brandon, FL, was arrested for possessing a concealed weapon in the form of a hand gun, less than 1/2 oz of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. He was issued a \$1,500 secured bond. His trial date is June 27, 2013.

June 13

• At 4:10 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106 and Main Street.

• At 1 p.m., officers were called to Upper Lake Road concerning a bear on the property.

June 14

• At 11:30 a.m., officers were called to Lakeside Restaurant on Smallwood Ave. about a burglary with forced entry.

June 15

• At 1:20 a.m., Lauren Elizabeth Leatherman, 27, of Franklin, was arrested for DWI when she was stopped on Chowan Drive for driving left of center. She was issued a \$500 unsecured bond. Her trial date is July 24, 2013.

• At 5:30 p.m., officers were called about larceny from a vehicle parked on Spring Street, where gas valued at \$52 was taken from the vehicle.

June 18

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Chestnut Street and US 64 east.

• At noon, officers were called to Main Street Pharmacy concerning an altered prescription.

• At 8 a.m., officers were called to HCC concerning a vehicle worth \$15,000 being kept without permission.

June 20

• At 12:45 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at NC 106 and Munger Road.

June 22

• At 3:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Cullasaja Drive concerning a bear in the yard.

• At 1 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Choctaw Road where a license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle.

June 23

• At 7:14 p.m., officers responded to a call from Wolfgang's Restaurant concerning patron who was asked to leave the premises.

June 25

• At 2:05 a.m., Casey Brandon Steil, 27, of Vero Beach, FL, was arrested for DWI when she was stopped on US 64 west. She was issued a \$500 secured bond. Her trial date is July 24, 2013.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 26.

June 26

• At 12:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call where an 80-year-old woman had fallen. EMS transported to the hospital.

June 28

• At 2:34 a.m., the dept. responded to an accident on US 64 east. There were no injuries.

• At 3:13 p.m., the dept. responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 west. There were no injuries.

June 30

• At 4:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Spring Street. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 9:46 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Wyanoak Road. There was no transport.

July 1

• At 10:47 a.m., the dept. responded to a call at Dry Falls where a lady had fallen on the trail. She was taken up to the parking lot and transported by ambulance to the hospital.

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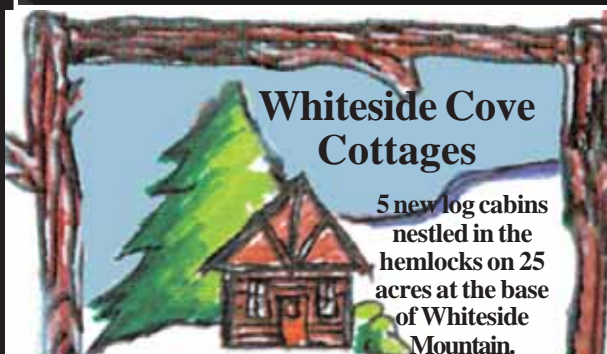
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