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Thursday, June 13, 2013

Thurs.-Sun., June 13-16

• The Last Romanceat Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets call 828.526.8084.

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Thurs., June 13

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

Fri.-Sun., June 14-16,

• At Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, Hal Phillips and Micky Davis on the piano Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday brunch.

Fri., June 14

• Friday Night Live in Town Square. Live music from 6-8pm.

Sat., June 15

• Half-price sale at the Book Worm in the basement of the Peggy Crosby Center on Fifth Street.

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

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

• Free live music in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street featuring Porch 40 & the Smoking Hots from 6-8 p.m. BYOB and picnic or purchase on site.

• At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust at 11 a.m., at the patio.

• Benefit for Arlene Rice Speedat Sato-lah FD at 5 p.m. Hamburgers, hotdogs and singing at 6 p.m. with the Lord's Messengers and The Foxfire Boys. Raffle for \$300 cash and Cake Auction.

Sat. & Sun, June 15-16

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

Tues. - Sat., June 18-22

• The volleyball camp is June 18th-21st at the Rec Park.

Zachary Field deal struck; park to grow

Thanks to Macon County Commissioner Jim Tate, the expansion of Zachary Park on Buck Creek Road has come to fruition.

At its May meeting held in Highlands, the board voted 3-2 (Commissioners Ron Haven and

Paul Higdon voted no) to swap a parcel not contiguous with the park boundaries for an almost-equal part that is contiguous.

At the Tuesday, June 11 Macon County Commission meeting, the swap was finalized as was

the agreement to purchase another contiguous parcel with the same 3-2 vote.

"I've been working on this a long time," said Commissioner Tate. "In fact, the very first phone

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Students behind bill that makes fake weed illegal

It was legal, but thanks to a group of tenacious students in Franklin it won't be by July 1, 2013.

The increased use of synthetic marijuana spawned the formation of the local group "Citizens Against Synthetic Marijuana" whose core includes Cassady Ledford, Casey Holland, Adrian Martinez and Elizabeth Ellis.

Since early this year, they have worked relentlessly with the Sheriff's Office as well as community leaders all the way to the General Assembly via Senator Jim Davis to get something done. Senator Davis met with the group in March and introduced legislation which didn't pass but he backed the bill that did pass.

The result? House Bill 813 has been ratified and only lacks Governor Jim McCrory's signature. Once that promised signature is had, it will be illegal to manufacture, possess, sell, use, and deliver all synthetic cannabinoids.

Synthetic marijuana, like meth, begins with legal components but the end-product often becomes lethal.

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Bascom Director Jane Jerry recently accepted the yarn 'bomb' as a permanent fixture on The Bascom terrace.

Yarn graffiti at The Bascom

The Bascom is now a member of the worldwide yarn bombing movement; yarn bombing is the knitter's version of installation art and graffiti combined.

In celebration of Highlands' fifth World Wide Knit in Public Day to be held on June 15, the Bascom Knitters presented director Jane Jerry with a hanging banner-shaped yarn bomb created by all the members.

Yarn bombing or graffiti knitting attempts to personalize public spaces. For five summers, The Bascom Knitters have convened on the Terrace of The Bascom to practice all types of needle arts.

The banner is designed to be hung on the Terrace when The Bascom Knitters are in session.

The idea for the yarn bomb was born early last fall on the Terrace where the group gathers every Saturday 10a to noon.

Over the winter, scattered participants in Highlands and other North Carolina towns as well as Florida, Georgia and Alabama knitted or crocheted 10-inch squares of their own design. The only requirement was color of yarn – green. Over 50 pieces were connected into the colorful and eccentric yarn bombing

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Dedication of the André Michaux Marker is this Saturday

The North Carolina Highway Historical Marker honoring the French pioneer botanist André Michaux will be dedicated in Highlands on Saturday morning, June 15th, at 11 o'clock. The event will take place on West Main Street in front of the former Visitor's Center, next to Main Street Inn. The Highlands Historical Society will sponsor a reception afterwards at the Historic Village for all those who attend the dedication.

The Michaux marker will join the Thomas Harbison marker in recognizing two early botanists who appreciated the natural beauty of the Highlands plateau. André Michaux was the royal botanist whom Louis XVI appointed soon after the American

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Charter/Public/Private School

Dear Editor,

Macon County is in a unique position to provide a study of the Public/Private/Charter school dilemma. The state and national debate of this education issue is front and center in political arenas across the nation and Macon County has the ideal opportunity to provide a meaningful, factual basis for a definitive study that would provide both a historical and futuristic perspective on this issue.

Education is a fundamental right of children across the world. It is a moral and ethical argument that transcends cultural, religious, and economic issues. Macon County is a microcosm that demands a meaning study of this issue. The financial resources, both public and private are available. The professional expertise is ready and willing. Bring it on. Make it happen!

Les Slater
Franklin, NC

Glad Fred is back!

Dear Editor,

Happy Anniversary! I noticed that when I went to your website.

Anyway, I wanted to say thank you for allowing Fred, "Fredster" back into your newspaper. My hubby and I have been coming to Highlands for years, and now have a second home here. We read your newspaper when here. We both enjoy reading Fred's column and were disappointed that he retired. Yeah! He's back. We hope he continues for many years to come and I for one do not mind that he refers to "the 'lil missus." Sounds to me like he loves his wife, Maddy. I will continue to read your informative Highlands Newspaper, including "Fredster" even if by chance I have to continue to another page. Write on Fred!

Cindy Gentry
Highlands

Please commissioners, step up for education

Dear Editor,

I would like to encourage the Macon County Commission to consider fully funding the shortfall the Macon County School Board (MCSB) now faces. I do not know all the reasons the MCSB has found itself in a position to be \$1.6 million short for FY 2013/14 but we should not play the blame game at this point. It appears the interim superintendent has done everything possible to make the MCSB work with the allotted funds but it simply will not work without additional funding. As a small business owner, I understand the importance of doing more with less and I do everything possible to manage my expenses in order to stay in business. I think

the MCSB will need to better manage their expenses in the future, but the FY 2013/14 budget needs funding to avoid harm to the current delivery of education.

As a parent and an involved member of this community, I see education as one of the most critical components of our government system. Like many other citizens of this county, I do not want to pay any more taxes than necessary, but I do not want to risk the future of our children and the county by cutting education. I see education as one of the best economic development engines available to Macon County. As new businesses consider opening or transferring to Macon County, one of the first things they consider is our education system for their employees' family. We need to show them we have a top notch education system; unfortunately, the best education is not always cheap. According to the

NewsObserver.com, North Carolina ranked 45th in per pupil spending as of 2010 out of 50 states. The highest per pupil spending was in Chapel-Hill Carrboro at \$11,167 and Durham at \$9,679. It appears MCSB spends approximately \$8,500 per student.

As the MCSB prepares to receive a new superintendent, I think he should be tasked with completing a complete review of the MCSB with a view toward operating the most efficient and effective school board in the state. By not funding the MCSB properly for the new superintendent in FY2013/14, you will put him at a distinct disadvantage with his new role.

Jerry Moore
Highlands, NC

The art of living with bears in Highlands

Dear Editor,

You remember about three years ago when I reported waking from an afternoon nap and finding a bear at the foot of my bed staring at me? No damage done. A bear can climb the 26 feet to my back deck in seconds.

The other morning I entered the garage from the kitchen for bird seed when I saw 25% of the garage door had been ripped out. A 200-lb bear was sitting outside with two empty bird see bags. I noticed the door of the car was ajar. I opened it and a 100-lb male bear crashed out and exited through the destroyed garage door. He had entered the car by opening the door the way a human does without a single scratch.

Inside was a different story. He destroyed the back of the car by ripping more than 20 different parts which will have to be replaces at a cost of \$2,060. A new garage door will cost \$1,250. Two bags of bird seed at \$16.

At least 20 bears are sighed in our yeard each year but this is the first major damage done. They have walked within 20 yards of my wife and I and never bothered to look at us. I am sure they are very hungry and there is very little food for them this time of year.

Louis F. Reynaud
Highlands

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• OBITUARY •

James A. Sladky

James A. Sladky, 85 of Asheville, NC died on June 3, 2013. He was born in Miami, Florida on August 25, 1927. He served in the Navy during the WWII era. He and his wife Donna Lea raised 6 children in Miami until their move to Highlands, NC in 1977. Jim moved to Asheville in 2010.

Jim was a retired Letter Carrier with the US Post Office. He also retired with the State of North Carolina after 10 years of faithful service. Jim was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and enjoyed playing the piano. One of his favorite sayings was "Don't worry about nothing'...cause nothin's alright".

Jim is predeceased in death by his parents, James F. Sladky and Martha A. Sladky and his wife, Donna Lea "Boo-Boo" Sladky. He is survived by his sister Phyllis Sutter of Parkland, Florida and his six children, Carolyn Clark of Gilberts, IL, Michael of Marietta, GA, Patrick and his wife Roxann of Port St. Lucie, FL, Joseph and his wife Denise of Tampa, FL, Matthew of Ft. Pierce, FL and Marie of Asheville, NC; 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren with one on the way, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass at Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church, Highlands, NC, will be June 29 at 11 am followed by a celebration of Jim's Life at the Ugly Dog Pub. His remains will be buried next to his bride in Highlands Cemetery. The family asks in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to John F. Keever Solace Center, Hospice, PO Box 5779, Asheville, NC 28813.

In memory of Clem Henry Happy Birthday, Brother.

We thought of you with love today. But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that, too. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our heart.

• THANK YOU •

Mountain Garden Club thanks you for your enthusiastic support of our 31st annual plant sale on Saturday, May 25. Once again, because of your support, we can continue our history of sponsoring youth gardener activities at Highlands School, scholarships for college students, garden therapy at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center and other contributions to the community. We had a beautiful day, lots of wonderful plants, hard-working MGC members, spouses and friends, and loyal customers. The success of the sale is due to the many special friends who helped make this possible. We would like to thank our scholarship students Corbin Hawkins and Parker Sims for their help during the Plant Sale.

Among the many who deserve special mention are Wanda and Chuck Cooper and Steve Day of WHLC FM 104.5, David Sims of Highlands Lawn & Garden, Bud and Tina Rogers, Dirk Swanson, Wendi and Josh Diamond, Nin Bond of Highlands Cable Group, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Allen Haas of the Carolinas Dahlia Society, John Newsome, Don Fisher, Naomi Chastain, Betty McCall, Rick Summersill, Laurel Magazine, The Highlander, Highlands Newspaper, Ann McKee

Austin and the Village Conservancy, Dennis Cabe, Lester Norris and the Rec Park crew, Mrs. Joy Archer and her 6th grade science students and our friends who us plants.

We hope to see you at next year's Plant Sale.

— Caroline Cook, President, MGC

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A chance meeting at a painting workshop led to long-term friendships for a group of four women artists: Charlotte Foust, Martica Griffin, Krista Harris and Audrey Phillips. Expressed through the use of color, line, shape and form, each painter has her own colorful perspective on Southern culture.

Support provided by Britton Foundation, Gail and Tim Hughes, Ginger Kennedy and Kevin Naylor, The Koski Family Foundation, Cecile and Phil McCaul, and Alma Lee and H.N. Saurage, Jr. Fund

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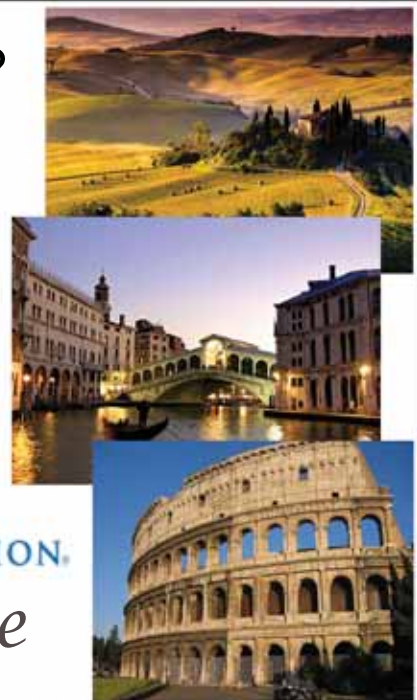
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• THE FREDSTER •

The Sacrament of Constipation...and other silly stuff

During a recent family quiz after dinner, my Navy family at Jacksonville, FL, decided to ask their children questions about a Catholic event that happened to a cousin living in Wellington, Fl.

Quizzes are common after dinner and Navy rules apply. For example, one is not allowed to blurt out an answer and doing so could get you less ice cream. Also, waving your hand and making weird noises with your mouth is not allowed.

My daughter, Cindy, slowly turned her laptop so everyone at the table could see. With the push of a button, their cousin, C.J., standing next to their Bishop, appeared on the screen.

"Who can tell me what important sacrament is being bestowed on C.J. in this picture?"

Alyssa's hand flew up first followed by Sam, "The Hamster." Since "The Hamster" is only one-year-old and only knows three words, he's still comfortable in raising his hand as it usually gets him ice cream. Is that dried macaroni and cheese in his hair?

"Alyssa, your hand was up first. What's your answer?" my daughter asked.

"C.J. is receiving the Sacrament of....a....I think....constipation," she blurted out. When the laughter finally quieted, the whole family received ice cream and instruction on the sacrament of Confirmation.

Moving on to a less important issue, Maddy and I left our motel at Locust Grove, GA, and headed for Highlands, completing the second and last leg of our seasonal journey.

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Manufacturers begin with any plant matter and then lace, dust, soak, or spray it with legal products like bath salts (salts, isomers, homologues, and salts of isomers and homologues) and more.

Meant to create a high similar to smoking marijuana, it is advertised as a "legal" alternative to weed and is often sold as incense or potpourri and in most states, it's anything but legal.

Synthetic marijuana was linked to 11,406 drug-related emergency department visits in 2010, according to a first-of-its-kind report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This is when it first started showing up on health providers' radar, as the Drug Abuse Warning Network detected a measurable number of emergency visits. Who wound up in the emergency room the most? Children ages 12 to 17.

Common side effects to smoking synthetic marijuana include bloodshot eyes, disturbed perceptions and a change in mood, agitation, paranoia, including hallucinations. Some of the more potentially serious effects include an elevated heart rate and elevated blood pressure.

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Feedback is encouraged
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Yes, we are part of those dreaded summer people.

A few hours later we swung our Outback onto lower Many Rd. and came face to face with a family of bears, a mom and her two cubs. As the three bears lumbered up Many Road, we followed along 20 feet behind. Were these bears giving us a personal escort to our front door? Once the bears were sure we knew the way home, they hung a quick right turn and vanished into the forest.

Maddy and I sat in our driveway staring at each other. We were like kids seeing Disney World for the first time. Wow, what a welcome committee that was and what a way to start our summer.

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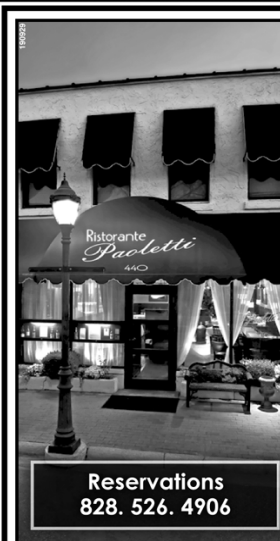
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banner.

Jane Jerry accepted the yarn banner for The Bascom and said, "The Bascom Knitters were here before I was and they have continuously enlivened Saturday mornings at The Bascom. Now that the Knitters are meeting year round, either on the Terrace or in one of our indoor spaces, we always have art in progress on Saturday."

The first Highlands WWKIP day was held on the Terrace on June 13, 2009. Of those original participants, Joyce Fleming, Carol Ray, Bev Cone and Doris Long are still active in the group. Carol Ray urges anyone interested in knitting to come to the World Wide Knit in Public Day on Saturday June 15, 2013 from 10 until noon.

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André Michaux

Revolution to investigate what plants could be of value to the French building, medical, and farming industries. Michaux made his first trip into the North American wilderness when he crossed the Highlands plateau in 1787. He would return again and again to the Southern Appalachians to describe and name a

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Sunday, June 23, 2013 - 3-5 p.m.

Monday, June 24, 2013 - 3-5:30 p.m.

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Anthony Reiss will be in attendance

“Commander’s Dinner in Four Courses
with Dwight Andrews”

Sunday, July 28th - 7 PM

\$150/Person - 8 Places

Hosts: Ed & Penny Mawyer

Menu: lobster bisque, roquefort pear salad,
fresh fish with blue crab, Garlic risotto, bread
pudding soufflé with whiskey sauce



“Jazz in Burgundy” with Gary Motley

Monday, July 29th - 7 PM

\$150/person - 8 Places

Hosts: Anne Morgan & Jim Kelley

Menu: Classic Burgundian dinner
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Mr. Motley will follow dinner

“Sunday at the Trevathans”

Sunday, August 4th - 7 PM

\$125/person - 25 Places

Hosts: Cindy & Rick Trevathan

Menu: Cindy’s famous Italian cocktail buffet
with specialty Italian cocktails
The Parker String Quartet will attend.

“Cordon Bleu BBQ”

Thursday, August 15th - 6 PM

\$125/Person - 12 Places

Hosts: Peter & Valerie Whitcup

Menu: baby back ribs, Tennessee honey
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“A Moveable Feast”

Sunday, August 25th - 6 PM

\$125/Person - 10 Places

Hosts: Minnie Bob & Mike Campbell
Frank Langford

Menu: cocktails and first course of Venetian
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• COACH'S CORNER •

The beginning is the end is the beginning

There are so many things to write about this week, what with it being a very busy time of year. The sports world has seen quite a few things happen over the past week, and there are a plethora of topics that I would normally address. For example, this week we have;



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- The NBA Finals: Heat vs. Spurs in what should be a classic
- The Stanley Cup Finals: Blackhawks vs. Bruins
- TIMOTHY RICHARD TEBOW arising from the NFL blacklist to join the Patriots
- USA Soccer performing well in World Cup qualifying
- UNC basketball's best player arrested on drug charges (and possibly a gun charge)

And of course, the usual homer stuff on Pittsburgh Pirates baseball that no one cares about.

Instead, though, I can't really write anything about that stuff, because I need to use this space to say thank you to all of the fine folks in Highlands for the kindness shown to my family and myself over the past five years. The plateau always has been and will always be "home" in my eyes, but opportunity often demands change, and that change for me is a move to the sta...er Commonwealth of Virginia (insert bad "Virginia is for lovers" joke here).

While I may have relocated, it is my hope that this particular space in Highlands Newspaper will remain relatively unchanged. Kim and Jim have graciously allowed me the opportunity to continue writing bad sports columns for the foreseeable future, and the prospects of an unemployed summer mean that I will have plenty of time on my hands to come up with all new versions of the same old bad jokes that all three of you who read this column have come to know and love.

Additionally, to ease the transition for my replacement as basketball coach at Highlands School and his coaching staff, I will not change the picture above. Apparently, making fun of my 10-year-old picture brings great joy to Brad, Greg, Andy and let's be honest here...everyone else in Highlands who knows what I look

like now.

I will consider that a parting gift to those guys as they continue to do great things with the athletes at Highlands School.

Without getting overly sentimental, I would like to say that I feel extremely fortunate to have been born in Highlands and had the opportunity to attend and then work at Highlands School.

This community is blessed to have such a wonderful school full of outstanding people.

They often say that you can't go home again, but I feel as though I did it successfully, which is something that I'll always be proud of. Hopefully one day down the line, I will have the chance to do it all over again.

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According to the bill, there is no currently accepted medical use for synthetic marijuana in the country and there is the potential to produce psychic or physiological dependence.

At Tuesday night's Macon County Commission meeting, commissioners presented the core group with a copy of the bill it helped make a reality and a plaque of the Macon County flag.

"While us adults did nothing, our young people did and that's why I am so proud of them," said Sheriff Robert Holland. "They took a lot of heat for taking this stand. This is just the core group, but there are several members of this group who will tell you of their usage of this drug so it took a lot of guts to do this. You have people who are selling this junk and making money who are giving them a hard time. They have stood their course and have caused people to listen."

Holland said the bill is the ammunition his department needs to put an end to synthetic marijuana use and production in Macon County.

Macon County has been plagued with its use and numerous friends of the core group introduced Tuesday night have been

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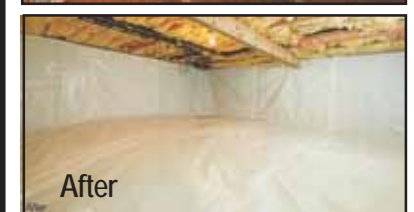
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er will be attended by a representative of
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southeastern universities associated with
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call I got as a commissioner was about this. I know some of you gentlemen on this board are for this and some of you are not, but it gives me undue pleasure to finally, hopefully see this through."

Plans for the new 1.76-acre parcel, which is priced at \$145,000 (under its appraised value), are to develop it into a regulation-size soccer field – something sorely lacking in Highlands.

The other two parcels will likely be used for biddy fields for soccer, as well as to expand parking.

It took a month for the commission to learn the true size of the parcel it meant to purchase. Originally it was thought to be 1.5-acres, but Tuesday night the board learned it was actually 1.76-acres, so worth the

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affected – that's what spurred Ledford, Holland, Martinez and Ellis to pursue its eradication.

"I can't tell you the number of parents I have sat down with, well connected members of our community, about this," said Holland. "Its use is extremely dangerous but we couldn't do anything about it. As a Sheriff it was very frustrating."

To sign a local petition against the use and production of synthetic marijuana go to <https://www.change.org/petitions/the-production-of-synthetic-marijuana-stop-production-of-synthetic-marijuana>.

Sheriff Holland said the next step is a legal way to go after people and businesses selling the materials to make synthetic marijuana.

"Right now it's only paraphernalia if the objects contain residue of the synthetic marijuana. I want to be able to persecute the businesses that sell the items."

Citizens Against Synthetic Marijuana will be staging protests across the county throughout the summer..

– Kim Lewicki

\$145,000 appraisal which was based on it being 1.5-acres.

The swap and purchase are a bundle so County Attorney Chester Jones said OKing one was OKing the other.

"The swapping and exchange is contingent upon the purchase – it will be a simultaneous closing or there will be no closing," said Jones.

County Chairman Kevin Corbin said that arrangement is what Commissioner Tate suggested because the swap is what is most

advantageous to the county because it finally gets "useable" property.

Attorney Jones presented a proposed resolution in connection with that property exchange as well as a draft agreement to purchase and sell the other parcel.

As it turns out the county is coming out in the deal in more ways than one. The noncontiguous parcel the county owns is 1.74 –acres and is being swapped for the contiguous parcel which is 1.78-acres – a \$2,000 added value even though money isn't exchanging hands.

ing hands.

An inspection period, which will likely be 30 days, will enable the county to determine if the properties can be used for their intended purposes and to make sure there aren't any ordinances or state regulations that could hamper the project.

Attorney Jones said if the county decides it doesn't want one it is "by necessity, backing out of the other."

Commissioner Ronnie Beale said this was an issue the board

has worked on for years; long before Commissioner Tate came on board.

"This is something others have tried to do but it's something Commissioner Tate was able to do. This will enhance Zachary Park and since soccer is it in Highlands, this will give the kids a leg up and something they can enjoy for years to come," he said.

The \$145,000 to purchase the property will come from the undesignated fund balance for FY2013-'14.

–Kim Lewicki

Have you been to The Bookworm?

When the Bookworm, a non-profit used bookstore, first opened in 1995 at the lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center, it occupied one room with a few hundred books. Today, it has expanded to four rooms, with over 10,000 books and counting. The all-volunteer staff continues to keep the books moving for newly donated arrivals make for a busy day. From June 15th through the 29th there will be a half-price sale where you can choose your favorites from fiction, mysteries, children's books, cookbooks, gardening and decorating books. There are even CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles.

The new look of the Bookworm includes areas for patrons to sit and peruse their selections. The book drop is now to the left of the entrance and there's a new sign letting you know where the Bookworm is located. If you are just visiting, and forgot to bring a book or your E-reader, there are business cards around town to give you directions as well as a discount for your purchases.

For those of you who remember when the Peggy Crosby Center was the Highlands Hospital, a visit to the Bookworm will bring back memories, for it has now added a new room that occupied the old emergency room. Don't worry if you hear strange voices or see things that aren't really there. The new space has its ghost stories, and not just in books. The morgue has now become the storage room, and some say they have heard strange sounds from that part of the building.

All the money collected, after

rent is paid, goes to the Hudson Library where it is primarily used to buy new books. Generally that amount averages around \$15,000 a year. Sticka hopes with the support of all book lovers that this amount increases.

The Bookworm is always looking for more volunteers. If you have a few hours and you love books, then this would be a perfect match for you. Stop in at the Bookworm or call Dale at 526-1786. He'd love to have you. The Bookworm is open on Tuesday – Saturday, 10-4.

Watch for HCP's 'Maine' auditions

Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players summer play, "Almost Maine," will be held Sunday, June 23, 3-5 p.m., and Monday, June 24, 5:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. This popular new romantic comedy, set in a small fictional town in Northern Maine, has been produced by theaters all around the country, including the NC State Theater, Flat Rock Playhouse in Hendersonville, where HCP director Virginia Talbot saw it, loved it, and determined to bring it to the HCP stage.

The play contains 17 episodes. There are parts for 12 or more actors, ranging in age from late teens to men and women in their 50s. The Players encourage both experienced and new actors to attend the auditions.

Scripts are at the Hudson Library, the Cashiers Library, the Macon County Library in Franklin, and on line. For more information call 526-4904.

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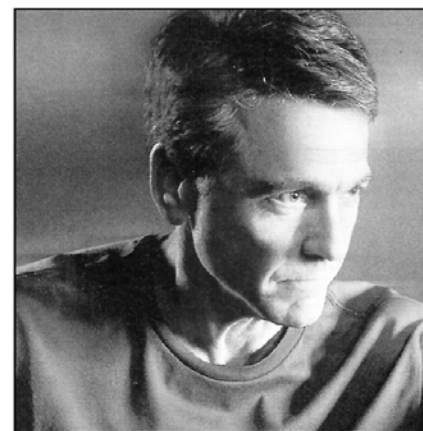
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• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$5 per class or \$40 a month.

• Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a. \$5 per class.

First class free.

Monday & Thursday

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

Tues.-Sat.

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

Wednesday

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

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.

Fri., Sat., and Sun.

• At Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, Hal Philips and Micky Davis on the piano Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday brunch.

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.

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 10 AM to noon.

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

CLE's 3rd week topics include art, architecture, current events, psychology, genealogy & more

Thursday, June 13, 10 to noon. Psychotherapist Victoria Hippard looks at the theories of Carl Jung and stories from antiquity to the present day that affect us as individuals, consciously as well as unconsciously. The lecture is entitled ONCE UPON A TIME: The Stories We Love and What that Tells Us About Ourselves. Bring your imagination and explore yourself!

Saturday, June 15, 10:30a-2:30p enjoy a double header that will be particularly interesting to those who are looking for ways to open up windows to the past. Sue VerHoef, archivist at the Kenan Research Center, Atlanta History Center, will present a combined lecture including ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST and A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. The lecture will offer tips and techniques to explore on line websites for locating, using and evaluating information on your family tree. In addition, it will teach how to work with old photos and grainy VHS tapes to better open up a window to the past. Bring a lunch and enjoy a two for one lecture for \$25/\$35.

Thursday, June 20th, 2-4p. WHY AFRICA IS AS IT IS will be presented by Dr. John Stremlau, founding director of the Centre for Africa's International Relations

at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. Dr. Stremlau will discuss Africa as a vast continent possessing vital resources and enormous problems due to its complexity of extreme diversities based on geography, multiple cultures, ethnic groups and competing tribes.

Saturday, June 22 10 to noon. WOMEN, ART & POWER IN 17TH CENTURY BRITAIN. Elizabeth Chew, currently Director of Interpretive Programs at Reynolda House in Winston Salem, will introduce two elite 17th century British women, Aletheia Talbot Howard, Countess of Arundel and Anne Clifford Sackville Herbert, Countess of Dorset & Pembroke. In a time of few opportunities for individual expression, one woman used architectural patronage while the other art collecting to express their individual identities and interests.

All lectures will be at the new CLE Lecture Hall located in the lower rear level of the Peggy Crosby Center and will be at a fee of \$25 members/\$35 non members of CLE.

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• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

email Andrea Gabbard @ andreaagabbard@gmail.com.

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

Sat. & Sun.

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

Thursday, June 13

- The Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament kicks off at 7:30a at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club For sponsorship information or to sign up, contact event co-chairs, Brian Stiehler (787-2778) or Rebecca Shuler (526-2118).

- The June meeting of The WNC Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glensville, N.C. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6 P.M., March through November. Bring your own Lunch with the League noon at Tartan Hall, at First Presbyterian Church, Franklin. Southwestern North Carolina's 'OPT-IN' Visioning: Off and Running.

- An Owl Prowl will be held in the amphitheater behind the Highlands Nature Center starting at 7:30 PM. The program is being held jointly by Audubon and Highlands Biological Station. Live birds of the Charlotte Raptor Rehab Center will be featured. This fun and instructive evening is free for children and adults alike. Bring flashlights for hunting owls after dark. For more details, call 828-743-9670.

June 13-30

- At the Highlands Playhouse, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story. A celebration of Holly's short but legendary life. For ticket information call 526-9443.

Thurs. - Sun., June 13-16

- The Last Romance runs June 6-9 and 13-16 at Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets and more information, call 828.526.8084. Box office hours are 10a.m. to 4p.m.

June 15-June 29

- Half-price sale at the Book Worm in the basement of the Peggy Crosby Center on Fifth Street.

Saturday, June 15

- Annual Reese reunion, Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm at the Rec Park.
- Benefit for Arlene Rice Speed (daughter of Oliver rice) who was diagnosed with cancer. At Satolah Fire Department. 5 p.m. Hamburgers, hotdogs and singing at 6 p.m. featuring the Lord's Messengers and The Foxfire Boys. Raffle for \$300 Cash and Cake Auction.

- Local Audubon Bird-Banding trip is planned to Cowee Mounds, north of Franklin. This is an up close and personal opportunity to participate in gathering vital information on our migrant birds. Meet at the Highlands Town Hall parking lot near the public restrooms at 7:30 AM to car-pool. Call 743-9670 or visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org. Children with an adult are invited.

- Free live music in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street featuring Porch 40 & the Smoking Hots from 6-8 p.m. BYOB and picnic or purchase on site.

- At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust. Featuring live raptors at 11 a.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.

- The Highlands Plateau Greenway monthly work trip this Saturday. Anyone interested in participating, please register by emailing highlandsgreenway@nctv.com. Meet at the large upper parking lot (near the pool entrance) behind the Rec Park at 9 AM for a brief orientation session.

- DANCE: There will be a dance Sat. night from 8-10:30 PM at the Franklin American Legion Post. Music by "Tom Ellers" Non-members welcome. For more information call PH 828-369-9155.

Tues. - Sat., June 18 -22

- The volleyball camp is June 18th-21st at the Rec Park.

Wed., June 19

- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital free health screening for Cashiers and Glensville beginning at 7:15a at the Blue Ridge School. Pre-registration required; call (828) 526-1435 or visiting the Hospital's website at www.highlandscashiershospital.org.

Thurs., June 20

- The Highlands Historical Society opening of the Dr. Mary Lapham exhibit Thursday, from 5:30-7:30p. Cocktail food, music and even an old car.

Fri.-Sat., June 21-22

- At The Hen House on Main Street, Firehorse Pottery with potter Kerry Kennedy who will be turning pots on the porch.

Friday, June 21

- A memorial service for Coach Butch Smart 6pm in the Highlands School Gym. Doors will open up at 5pm

Sat., June 22

- Audubon's joint EcoTour with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust will visit Sweetwater Farms, a mixed habitat 80+acre property near Highlands. Call Julie at 526-1111 to reserve your spot for this special walk, and to get details on meeting place and time.

- Chestnut Hill of Highlands is sponsoring a Cupcake Competition on at 2 pm. Entries will be judged on table presentation, decoration of cupcakes and taste. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. No entry fee will be charged. Cupcakes will be sold after the competition and proceeds will be donated to Highlands Recreation Center for its Senior Winter lunches. Please call Teresa Robbins at 526-5251 to register or email at tar.chestnuthill@yahoo.com by June 20th.

- At PAC, 8pm Broadway veterans Franc d'Ambrosio and Glory Crampton return with Angel of Music: A Salute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. Highlands PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands 828.526.9047 www.highlandspac.org

Sat., Mon., Tues., June 22, 24 & 25

- At The Bascom, from 11a to 2 p, Terrace Painting: Four Southern Artists. The four artists of Southern Lights – Charlotte Foust, Martica Griffin, Krista Harris, and Audrey Phillips – will demonstrate their abstract painting techniques on the Terrace. Free to the public. Call 526-4949.

Sunday, June 23

- At the Episcopal Church, Candace Keach, Principal Flutist of the Macon Symphony Orchestra will present AMERICANA, a recital of music for Native American and Asian wooden flutes, silver flutes and singing bowl-sat 2 PM on Ms. Keach will be accompanied by Pennsylvanian Russell Ferrara on classical guitar and synthesizer enabled guitars.

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Sun., June 23-27

- Vacation Bible School at Highlands United Methodist Church. 5:30-8p. Dinner at 5p. Activities for children in rising Kindergarten through sixth grade. Pre-school activities for children ages 3 and 4. Nursery for children under 3. Call Jennifer Forrester 526-3376 or email at hmcjennifer@gmail.com. Collecting travel size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors and washcloths.

Mon., June 24

- Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players summer play, "Almost Maine," at 5:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. This popular new romantic comedy, set in a small fictional town in Northern Maine, has been produced by theaters all around the country, Scripts are available at the libraries in Franklin, Highlands and Cashiers.

- Highlands Plateau Audubon presents Dr. Mark Stanback, Davidson College, speaking on Brown-headed Nuthatches in Suburban Environments: the Role of Nest Site Competition. Program will be held at Highlands Civic Center on Highway 64 at 7:00 PM. Public invited. www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org or 743-9670.

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UPCOMING EVENTS •

Last weekend for HCP's 'Romance'



Carol Reynolds (Becky Schilling), Ralph Bellini (David Milford) Robert Helma in HCP's The Last Romance. Photo by Kathryn Potts.

Love will be in the air again June 13-16 as the Highlands Cashiers Players perform the final four shows of The Last Romance at the Highlands Performing Arts Center.

The show was sold-out when it opened on June 6 and has been thrilling audiences.

The romantic comedy by Tony Award Winner Joe DiPietro is fast-paced and filled with funny and poignant dialogue.

The action starts when widower Ralph Bellini sees Carol Reynolds in a dog park and decides to take a second chance at love. Sparks soon fly.

The humor of this show will have ages 12 to 102 laughing. Anyone who has longed to love and be loved in return will identify with Ralph's struggles and hopes.

The cast includes David Milford as Ralph Bellini and Becky Schilling as Carol Reynolds.

'David and I spent two years looking for a play worthy of Cashiers and Highlands,' Schilling said. 'This play is extraordinary. The characters are very real, and through them we see how love truly can transform us, even when things don't turn out the way we expected.'

Schilling discovered the play in Sarasota in 2012 when she and her husband saw it at the Florida Studio Theatre. The show was so popular it had been held over for an extended run.

"As we walked into the theatre, the pre-show music was

phenomenal—one beautiful operatic aria after another," Schilling said. "And I don't particularly like opera. We took our seats, and then a blind woman and her husband arrived and sat next to us. I remember thinking, 'Oh dear, she's going to have trouble following what's happening on stage.' Boy, was I wrong! The Last Romance is so rich in dialogue and wonderful music, it's a play you can enjoy just by listening."

Cashiers and Highlands audiences, however, will want to keep their eyes wide open.

Milford is a 40-year veteran of stage and screen and is appearing courtesy of the Actors Equity Association. Schilling has performed with HCP, the Highlands Historical Society, and the former Instant Theatre of Highlands. As Bellini and Reynolds they serve up a special chemistry.

The cast also includes veteran actress Shirley Williams as Bellini's cranky sister, Rose, and tenor Robert Helma from Western Carolina University as the Young Man.

The Last Romance is directed by Ralph Stevens and David Milford. Technical crew includes Megan Potts (light design), John Williams (sound design), and John Roman (set design and construction).

The final shows are June 13-16 at Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. Thurs. through Sat. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. For tickets 526.8084.

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Mirrormont home. 3br/2ba, vaulted wood ceilings, large open deck, lower level bonus room with 2nd fireplace, 2 car garage & walk to Mirror Lake. \$385,000 MLS# 77220



Bowery Road custom home, featured in National Magazines. 3br/ 3.5ba, additional family room, covered decks, office & sunroom. \$1,300,000 MLS# 77306



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In town sweet cottage in pristine condition. 2br/ 2ba, amazing yard & gardens, only 3 minutes to Main St., one level living, newer kitchen, wrap around deck. \$298,000



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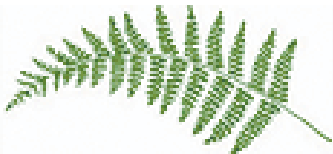


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The rise of interest rates and the meaning to our market

It is no secret that mortgage rates are on the rise.

Bloomberg reports that that staple of mortgage funding, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage, has seen its interest rate increase from 3.48%

a month ago to 4.03% as of June 7th. By contrast, the highest rate the 30-year mortgage reached in the previous year as of mid-March had been 3.85%.

So, what does this mean to the Highlands, NC real estate market and to our Buyer and Seller clients?

From all indications thus far, it points to increasing evidence that the days of a Buyer's market are on the wane. Savvy investors, of course, have known this for some time, and have long been back in the real estate market, snapping up properties. Others, who have been slower to feel confidence in investing, seem to have all received the same memo: buy now.

A client of mine from Atlanta purchased his first Highlands home through me in 2009. The date of his purchase will tell you a lot about him and his market investing acumen. He knew early on in the market downturn that he could do quite well by investing at a time when there was high Seller motivation. Investing in 2009 required courage, and he was rewarded for it.

Recently, he contacted me and said he was ready to purchase another home in Highlands – a home for his retirement years (he is 44 years old). So, why is this fellow purchasing another home now? First, he wants to purchase a larger, grander home that he and his wife will enjoy for years to come. Second, he wants to en-



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Highlands Cove. One of the best views in the complex. 3BD/3BA, 2 fireplaces. Great designer finishes! Great condo with a view! Offered at \$579,000. MLS#76930



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Wonderful home with mountain views on 3 acres. Great room. Beautifully furnished. High-end finishes. Great rental history and has what everyone wants. Offered at \$499,900. MLS#77188



4BD/4 1/2 BA near town and walking distance to Mirror Lake on Sequoyah Woods Drive. 2 Stone fireplaces, lots of windows, waterfalls in backyard. Offered at \$995,000. MLS#77211



Sequoyah Ridge – Airy mountain cottage renovated with 4BD, 2BA. Walking distance to Lake Sequoyah. Updated kitchen, wood floors, soaring ceilings with loads of glass. Large deck and usable lot with firepit. Offered at \$249,000. MLS#77438



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VZ TOP 802. Remodeled condo in VZ Top. Located above the Highlands Country Club with 3BD/2BA, all new appliances and updated kitchen, baths, floors, windows, doors. Long range Blue Valley mountain views and Southern exposure. Good rental history. Offered at \$359,000. MLS #77352



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Almost new quality built spacious 4BD/3BA home on one level. 2.58+/- acres, wood floors, central heat & air, large master, eat-in kitchen and formal dining room. Covered porch. Also 2BD/1BA guest house. \$520,000. MLS #76709



Laurel Falls at Skyline. Great cottage features a huge wrap-around porch with hot tub and mountain view. Main floor has 2 BD/2BA with open kitchen/ great room. Large stone fireplace. Upstairs has a spacious loft, master bedroom with en-suite bath. Lower level has family room with guest room/ sitting area and bath. One car garage. \$575,000. MLS#



Cottage in Mirror Lake Area on Wingina Place. Hand-crafted in 1937 with wood floors, 3BD/3BA, wood burning fireplace in living room, separate formal dining room. Carport. Quiet dead end street located at the cul de sac. Offered at \$349,000. MLS#77292



Great in-town commercial or residential. 5BD/2BA great for office or retail. Flat lot with parking. Fronts on US 64 west and Oak Street. \$849,500. MLS #76831



Little Bear Pen Mountain - In town with view. Built in 1994 by Schmitt Builders. 2BD/1.5BA. Very bright inside with a lot of windows and several open deck spaces. Offered at \$275,000. MLS#77354



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VZ-Top above the Highlands Country Club, close to town, 2BD/2BA upper flat. Wood floors and nice custom finishes. Offered turn-key with just a few exceptions. Long range Blue Valley and southern exposure. Offered at \$325,000. MLS# 77489



The Chateau. One of the most amazing homes in the WNC. 5 floor-to-ceiling fireplaces, media room, game room. 30-mile view plus Whiteside Mountain's rocky face. \$3,900,000. MLS #76453



Walk to town location with this 2BD/2BA log cabin with a flat yard and rocking chair porch overlooking Millcreek. Screened porch. Offered at \$295,000 MLS#76899

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And, he can see the writing on the wall for interest rates and wants to go ahead and lock in now. He also knows that as rates rise, so will sales. He knows that if he wants to negotiate on a property with fewer competitors, he should make his move now.

Given that this investor is from one of our market's strongest feeder markets, he is more than aware of the strengthening of his primary home market. Each week, he hears dozens of stories of inventory shortages, rising prices, and multiple offer scenarios. He is aware that this activity in markets that influence the Highlands area market will continue to push our market in the same direction.

As interest rates and buying activity rise, investors like this gentleman (who has done his homework and has carefully thought through his long-term objectives) will surely win once again.

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Widow mites subject of special class at Highlands United Methodist Church week of June 23

The Highlands United Methodist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School from Sunday, June 23 to Thursday, June 27.

This year a special adult class will be offered called, "The History of Ancient Israel Using Widow's Mites as a Guide."

Dr. John Baumrucker will supervise the course beginning at 6:30 PM at the church in the parlor. A slide show and short lecture will be given on Sunday and then the students will be able to look at about 50 ancient widow's mites and try to identify the coin.

Widow's mites were called prutots and are crudely made bronze coins minted between 104 BC and 135 AD when the Second Jewish Revolt was put down by the Romans and Israel ceased to exist as a country until 1948.

If the coins are identified properly, then the student will need to give a short talk on Thursday to tell the rest of the students the significance of the coin and its king or procurator. Then the coin can be purchased for \$20 and kept in its original state or made into jewelry by one of Highlands fine goldsmiths.

The course is free but reservation need to be made by calling Sonja at the Methodist Church at 526-3605.

John 3:16

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Showtaw garden – on tour Mountains in Bloom 2012

“Come Rain or Come Shine” is the message that Paula Walsh, Chair of Mountains in Bloom, a fundraiser for The Bascom visual arts center, would like to broadcast. From Thursday, July 11, through Sunday, July 14, there are opportunities to participate and benefit from gardening tips from the experts, horticultural education and the visual treat of gorgeous blooms in varied displays and featured gardens. Gardeners and floral arrangers and photographers are invited to enter the juried flower, horticulture and photography shows, on display on Friday and Saturday throughout The Bascom's campus.

The events on Thursday, July 11, include a luncheon and lecture by Kathryn Greeley, author of *The Collected Tabletop*, at 11:30 am and a Volunteer Appreciation Party with special guests Margot Shaw, founder/editor in chief of flower magazine, and Robert Balentine, CEO of Balentine LLC and lead sponsor, from 4 to 6 pm. Robert Balentine will also present the Balentine Award for the most outstanding display of a native, indigenous plant in the Horticulture Division at the Benefactor

Party. He will also return to The Bascom on Thursday, July 18, for a lively and entertaining horticulture-themed talk from 5 to 7 pm, similar to his popular TED talks.

On Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13, seven fabulous private gardens will be on tour from 9 am to 4 pm. Tickets are \$80 per person and include lunch on The Bascom Terrace and all of the diverse Flower Show exhibits at The Bascom—flower arrangements, horticulture exhibit and garden photography. Mountains in Bloom will culminate with a festive Benefactor Party chaired by Wyn Shoptaw, 2013 Chair of the party, at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn on Sunday, July 14 at 6 pm. Chef Johannes will prepare a sumptuous dinner, Jim Gibson will provide the music, and the coveted Balentine Award will be presented.

There is also a special non-judged Professional Class of floral designers' arrangements, on display in the Bascom's Atrium. Many class categories are limited, so entrants should submit forms prior to July 3. Entry forms may be printed from the website at www.TheBascom.org/mountainsinbloom or obtained at The Bascom.

There is also an amateur Photography Division, based on themes of the show: “Simply Flowers” and “Come Rain or Come Shine.” This is for entrants ages 18 and older. Submissions are being accepted

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Highlands PD log entries from May 20 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

May 20

• At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

May 23

• At 8:52 p.m., a simple physical assault was reported on Helens Barn Ave.

May 26

• At 12:33 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on N. 4th Street.

May 27

• At 8:45 p.m., damage to a vehicle by a bear at a residence on Chestnut Run was reported and estimated at \$500.

May 28

• At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64.

• At 5:30 p.m., vandalism to property was reported at a residence on Picklesimer Road where the brake fluid reservoir to a vehicle was damaged valued at \$100.

May 29

• Saturday, June 29, the Highlands Police Department will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday from 11am-2pm. Refreshments will be provided. Other emergency departments, state and local will also be in attendance. Please stop by for a tour of the department; child-seat inspections, safety material and other activities will be available.

• At 6 p.m., Daniel Boyd Coffeen, 58, of Highlands, was arrested for communicating threats, assaulting by pointing a gun and going armed to terrorize the public. He was issued a \$5,000 unsecured bond. His court date is June 27.

May 31

• At 11:40 p.m., Kathryn Troncale Watson, 32, of Hoover, AL, was arrested for failing to stop at a stop sign and DWI. Her trial date is June 26.

• At 8:15 p.m., a ordinance violation was reported at ighlands Plaza.

June 1

• At 8:13 a.m., officers were called to a residence on Biscuit Rock where a bear had opened a vehicle door and taken food.

• At 10 a.m., officers responded to a shoplifting call at Pine Street Park where a piece of jewelry valued at \$35 was taken.

• At 8:32 p.m., a suspicious person was reported near Bear Mountain Outfitters on Oak Street.

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• At 10 a.m., officers responded to a call of larceny at Pine Street Park where signs valued at \$70 were taken.

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