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## This Weeks Events

Thurs.-Sat., May 16-18

• At The Bascom, Collective Spirits, a premier spring wine and food event. For tickets call 828-787-2896.

Thurs., May 16

• Taize at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church at 5:30p.

Sat. May 18

• Military salute honoring L.C. Nix at the Highlands Memorial Park at 3 p.m. The family will gather at noon for lunch in the lower picnic pavilion at the Highlands Rec Park. Bring your favorite salad and a serving utensil.

• Highlands Plateau Audubon bird walk into the private community of Lonesome Valley in Sapphire. Meet in the parking lot of the Highlands Town Hall near the rest rooms at 7:30 am to carpool to Cashiers. For details, call Michelle Styring at 743-9670.

Sunday, May 19

• The world famous Atlanta Boy Choir will present its annual concert Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. The performance is free. Donations are accepted. Come early for a seat.

• "Martinis and Mozart" at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro. Tickets are \$85 per person. Enjoy martinis, wine and the Bistro's speciality hors d'oeuvres. Call the HCCMF office for reservations at 828-526-9060.

Monday, May 20

• Audubon will host Chris Graves of Haywood Community College at 7 pm at the Hudson Library in Highlands. Chris will discuss landscape-level research aimed at improving habitat for birds in western NC.

Tuesday, May 21

• Audubon will lead a special outing to Southern Highlands Reserve atop Mt. Tox-away. Limited to 20, reservations are a must. Call Romney Bathurst, 526-1939 to sign up. The Reserve requests a \$20 donation from each participant. Bring a bag lunch.

Wed., May 22

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital free health screening for Highlands and Scaly Mountain beginning at 7:15a at the Jane Woodruff Clinic. Pre-registration required; call (828) 526-1435.

• At the Hudson Library, Sherrie Peeler, the Family and Consumer Science Agent for the NC Cooperative Extension will present "Food Preservation 101" Wednesday at 3pm.

## Second budget meeting nets changes

*Fiber backbone project, funds for nonprofits cut and more*

Since the first budget workshop meeting the end of April, the 2013-'14 proposed budget has changed somewhat and it may change again since the final workshop meeting is Thursday, May 16,

3-5p in the Community Building.

Town Manager Bob Frye opened the second budget workshop meeting, Thursday, May 9, saying "there are just too many projects and not enough money

to go around."

Even though at the April meeting Frye said he wanted to give the Electric Fund time to regenerate before using the money to pay for

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## 41 MC teacher contracts in limbo

By Davin Eldridge

At Monday's Board of Education continuation meeting, Macon County Superintendent Dr. Jim Duncan announced that due to the school board's \$9 million shortfall he would recommend not to renew contracts for numerous teachers currently working in each school throughout the system.

He is sending the recommendation via letter to the Macon County Commission for consideration at its May 20 meeting in Highlands, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The decision in letter form, however daunting, was made to buy the BOE some time, to avoid making any unnecessary cuts until it hears from the county regarding funding for the 2013-'14 school year.

The state budget allotment and the county allotment to the Macon County school system won't be finalized prior to the date the state requires an answer which is May 15 so either a letter of re-employment, or a letter of non re-appointment has to be sent which is what the letter of

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At Monday night's annual Highlands School Athletic Banquet held at the Rec Park, Sam and Lisa Osteen were named "Fans of the Year" for the third time. They were elected by students in 2009-'10, 2010-'11 and now 2012-'13 school years. "We are very appreciative and humbled," they said. The Osteens are pictured with Athletic Director Brett Lamb.

Photo by Taylor Osteen

## Highlander athletes honored at Civic Center

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands High School Athletic Banquet was held Monday evening at the Highlands Civic Center to honor the achievements of student-athletes from the 2012-13 school year. The banquet portion of the ceremony consisted of fried chicken and sides provided and served by the Highlands Rotary Club, and the Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Highlands Athletic Director Brett

Lamb.

Highlands School student athletes achieved several successes this year both individually and as teams.

In team sports, the Highlands Soccer team finished with a record of 15-10 and advanced to the third round of the NCHSAA playoffs. The Lady Highlander women's basketball team advanced to the second round of the

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## Sheriff and Police Chief named in sweepstakes lawsuit

Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland and Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell have been named in a lawsuit concerning sweepstake machines in Macon County and they're not sure why.

The sweepstake machine company, Gifts Surplus, LLC, wants law enforcement agencies to leave it alone and is seeking an injunction to accomplish that.

Specifically, the suit filed in Superior Court last week by Asheville-based attorneys George Hyler and Stephen Agan seeks a court injunction to cease the enforcement of the state's sweepstake law – that went into effect December 2012 – against Gifts Surplus's machines which are

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## Don't change 'helmet' law

Dear Editor:

Last Wednesday, the House Judiciary B Committee adjourned without taking a vote on House Bill 109, which would eliminate North Carolina's mandatory motorcycle helmet law. AAA Carolinas is strongly opposed to any changes in the state's current helmet law.

The most recent statistics show that one in every eight North Carolina traffic fatalities involves a motorcycle. If North Carolina's universal motorcycle helmet law is repealed or altered, this number will increase.

Some motorcyclists want the "choice" to wear a helmet but experience has shown many won't and don't use helmets in states with weak or no helmet laws.

Every government or traffic safety oriented agency that has analyzed motorcycle helmet usage has concluded that helmets save lives.

According to a 2012 Governors Highway Safety Association report, when universal helmet laws like North Carolina's were weakened in other states, motorcycle fatalities increased. In Arkansas deaths went up 21%, in Texas 31%, in Kentucky 58%, in Florida 81%, and in Louisiana deaths increased 108%.

North Carolina was ranked first nationally in lives and money saved due to its helmet law in a June 2012 study by the Center for Disease Control.

If the helmet law is repealed, three things are certain: Motorcycle fatalities will increase, insurance costs for everyone will go up due to brain and other serious, lengthy motorcycle-related injuries and North Carolina will lose its only number one status for a traffic safety law.

Why change a clearly successful law?

David E. Parsons  
President and CEO  
AAA Carolinas

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## NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

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# • OBITUARY •

## William 'Bill' Mann

William "Bill" Mann died on May 13, 2013 in Highlands, NC. He was the son of Cannie and William Henry Mann, born May 11, 1930 in Augusta, GA. Mr. Mann is survived by his wife, Sara Stringer Mann, married for 60 years. He is survived by his sister Lucille Mann Byars of Atlanta, GA and was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Jack Mann.

Surviving children include one son, Marty Mann (wife Julie) of Atlanta, GA and two daughters, Marsha Mann Perkins (husband Mike) of London, UK, and Julie

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recommendation to the county is all about.

In front educators who attended the meeting, Duncan said depending on what the county commission decides, the BOE may not have to accept the recommendation at its next meeting.

The announcement followed an hour-long closed session in which the board ultimately voted to unanimously approve Duncan's recommendation letter.

According to Duncan, the next BOE meeting was postponed one week because the county commissioners are holding their next meeting on May 20.

With Monday night's approval of Duncan's recommendation letter, pending a possible decision by the county to fund its school system through its \$9 million shortfall, the school board can act accordingly by holding its next meeting the following week after Memorial Day.

"It's all about the money," said Shields grimly to the dozen or so teachers who came to Monday's meeting.

"You know where it comes from," board member Tommy Cabe added. "Not us," he said, in reference to a second year of state imposed budgetary reversions.

Of the 41 teachers on the BOE's cut-list, which is comprised of interim and first-year teachers who are on probation, two teachers currently work at Highlands School, according to Director of Personnel Dan Moore's office.

"Once the revenue amounts are finalized and the system knows how much

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Mann Riggs (husband Clarence) of Winter Park, FL and four grandchildren, Katie Mann Penland (husband Seth), Tyler Mann, Ryan Perkins and Sean Perkins.

Mr. Mann founded Mann Mechanical Company in 1968 in Avondale Estates, GA. He was a Board Certified Mechanical Engineer and a Life Member at Georgia Tech. He also served as a board member of the Georgia Tech Foundation.

He was involved with many non-profit and professional societies, serving as board member of the Bascom Fine Art Center, The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Hudson Library, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Foundation, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

After cremation, the family will have a private memorial service at the request of the deceased. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Bill Mann to The Bascom Legacy Fund at Bascom Fine Arts Center, or The Bell Tower Fund at The Episcopal Church of Incarnation, Highlands, NC.

## Notice

Funeral and internment mass for Sharon Susan Lucey and Benjamin Jacob Gaudreault, daughter and grandson of Jeanne and Lee Smith, is May 25 at 11 a.m. at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 44 Northside Drive, Atlanta, GA. Reception to follow.

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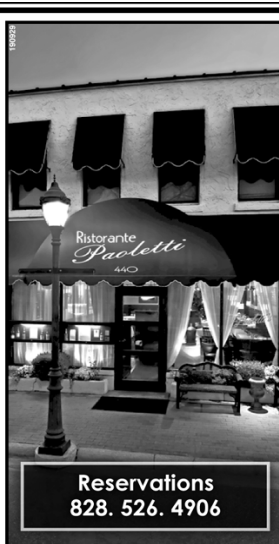
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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### Kansas wins battle for Andrew Wiggins

The consensus number one basketball recruit in the nation committed to Kansas Tuesday, ending a long spring recruitment that was one of the most interesting in history. Most recruitments are full of misinformation and hype these days, but in the case of Andrew Wiggins, there was a whole lot more substance rather than style.

Quick primer on Wiggins for those of you who have not heard of the young man, he is a 6'7" small forward who is an explosive athlete and is considered a sure fire NBA superstar when he heads to the pros. While many top recruits have been compared favorably to stars like Kobe Bryant and LeBron James... Wiggins has the incredible athleticism necessary to compare with that group and his ceiling is higher than other "elite" recruits such as Harrison Barnes and Anthony Davis.

What made the Wiggins recruitment unique is the complete and total lack of information that came out of the Wiggins camp as the process unfolded. Wiggins had narrowed his school choices down to FSU, Kansas, UNC and Kentucky. All four schools felt good about their chances to land the star, as FSU boasted a host of family connections and had recruited Wiggins the longest, and KU, Kentucky and UNC all are blue blood programs that need no introduction. Despite narrowing down to four schools, Wiggins released no information and did not even tell his parents his choice until Tuesday before he committed. Rather than hold a huge press conference full of fanfare and theatrics (as Barnes and Nerlens Noel had done in previous years), Wiggins stayed true to his reputation as a kid not seeking the limelight by holding a small ceremony at his high school. Only one local reporter was present, and that local reporter used Twitter to break the news to the world that Wiggins would be attending Kansas.

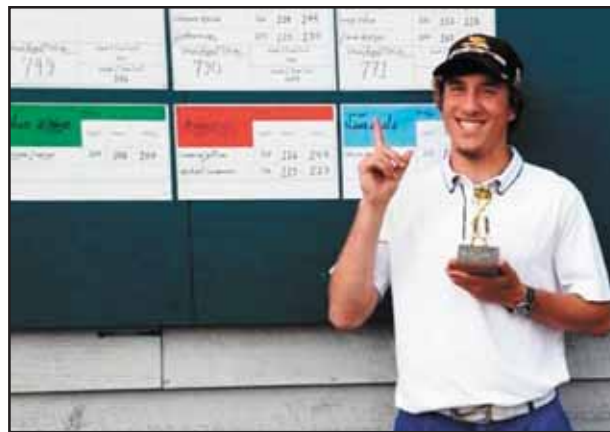
For Kansas, getting the top recruit is a major coup and



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prevents what could have been a rebuilding year in Lawrence. Coach Bill Self now has a superstar to go along with an already high ranked recruiting class and a couple of returning players with bright futures. As for the other schools, FSU has to be hurting the worst, as this recruitment further intensifies the divide between elite level programs and FSU in terms of the eyes of top level talent. Kentucky already boasts the best class in the nation, and at this point has to be considered the favorite to win a National Championship in 2014. UNC needed Wiggins to cement their status as a contender and to replace the departed Reggie Bullock, and at this point will likely remain a fringe top 20 team after a disappointing 2012-13 season (by lofty UNC standards).

## • HS SPORTS •



Highlands Senior Max Bosco.

### Highlander finishes in top 10 of State Championships

By Ryan Potts

Highlands Senior Max Bosco finished 10th in the NCHSAA State Golf Championship held in Chapel Hill on Tuesday after shooting a combined score of 174 over two days. The NCHSAA Championship was held at Chapel Hill Country Club in Chapel Hill, NC on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and golfers qualified for the event at the regional matches held last week.

Bosco, a senior from Vero Beach, FL, shot a 86 on the first day of competition, which kept him in the middle of the pack of the competitors in Chapel Hill. "I had a bit of a tough day," said Bosco, "the roughs were killer and it was sort of a different atmosphere. I had never really been in that situation before...with that type of pressure on every shot." After his round, Bosco and HHS Golf Coach Keven

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On May 13 the Rotary Club of Highlands continued its long tradition of support for the Highlands School by sponsoring the high school athletic banquet. Rotary members decorated the rec center gym and served supper for the students, their families and their coaches. Kirstyn Lamb, a varsity soccer player, is shown with soccer coach Jeff Weller. Coach Weller is also President of the Highlands School booster club.

NCHSAA playoffs. The Highlander men's basketball team finished with a record of 15-11 and won back-to-back LSMC Championships. The Lady Highlander Soccer team finished with a record of 10-7-3 for the season, and the Highlander Men's Golf team advanced to the NCHSAA Regionals.

Individually, many Highlander athletes enjoyed outstanding seasons. Senior Hayden Bates qualified for the NCHSAA Championships in Cross Country, and finished 17th overall in the state. Junior Emily Gabbard qualified for and competed in the NCHSAA Championships in women's golf. Senior Max Bosco qualified for and competed in the NCHSAA Championships for men's golf. Senior Taylor Osteen was voted the LSMC Player of the Year for 2012-13 for basketball, and Junior Tyler Munger was voted All-Conference as well. Junior Emily Shuler was voted All-Conference in women's basketball, and Sophomore Davis Moore was voted All-Conference for baseball.

Out of 22 Highlander Seniors, 17 received Senior Awards for lettering in a sport during their career at Highlands School, which rounds out to approximately 77% of the graduating class.

For a school the size of Highlands, participation from the majority of the student population is critical to maintain a successful athletics program, and Highlands has been fortunate that their student athletes have been enthusiastic about playing sports at this level.

For a school that is anywhere from one-third to one-sixth as small as many of the schools that it faces, the achievements of the Highlands athletic programs and their student athletes are very impressive, and the future looks bright for those athletes who are returning next season.

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## Should you buy a 2nd home in 2013? Yes!

### From Investors Business Daily

If you've been dreaming about a place to get away on weekends and vacations, you are not alone. The vacation-home buying trend continued to improve this year, the National Association of Realtors says, after sales jumped 7% in 2011 to 502,000 properties. Meanwhile, it sees investment home sales at least on pace to remain strong, after a staggering 64.5% gain in 2011 as cash-flush buyers picked up foreclosures, short-sale properties and other homes with price cuts.

### Housing Outlook Up For 2013

If you've been sitting on the fence while buyers have snapped up second homes for vacation, retirement and investment, is it time to make your move? IBD looks at some financial issues and trends to watch in 2013 as you consider a purchase. Many of the factors also apply to buying a primary residence.

1. Prices. They've been rising in many markets. But since they fell in the housing bust — as much as 50% in hard-hit Sunbelt areas desired by vacation-home buyers — real estate watchers say they can still be a bargain.

The median price of an existing U.S. home of any type rose 10.1% in November

from a year earlier to \$180,600, reports the NAR. It was the ninth straight monthly year-over-year gain. Changes in the median can reflect either changes in home values or buying moving to the high or low end of the market.

Supply was down to 4.8 months from 5.3 months in October, and the lowest since September 2005. Months' supply is how long it would take all homes on the market to sell, at the current sales pace. Listed inventory was 22.5% below the 7.1-month supply a year earlier.

By another measure, the S&P/Case-Shiller home price index showed a 3.6% third-quarter gain in the national composite average vs. the year prior.

"We're likely to see a continued rebound albeit at a modest pace," said Greg McBride, senior financial analyst with Bankrate.com. "Prices are not going to run away from you."

Some popular second-home markets with low inventory could see prices edge up more than the average next year due to low inventory, says Jonathan Miller, president of appraisal firm Miller Samuel.

2. Mortgage interest rates. They're about as good as they'll likely ever be. The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage edged up this week to 3.37% from 3.32% a week ago, federal loan-backer Freddie Mac (FMCC) said. That's still near a 40-year low.

The average 15-year fixed-rate mortgage slipped to 2.65% from 2.66%, also near a record low. As low as they are, rates aren't expected to go up too much anytime soon, making the case for buying right away less urgent.

"The Federal Reserve has telegraphed that they are going to work to keep rates low through the first part of 2015," said Miller, who expects mortgage rates to stay low for the next year or two.

The Fed may keep interest rates down even longer than it had earlier indicated. Last week, it said it would keep rates low as long as the jobless rate remained above 6.5%. Most senior Fed officials don't expect the unemployment rate to fall below that until the end of 2015.

But you have to qualify for a loan if you need one, and lenders are still skittish. If you're buying a second home, be prepared

to make a down payment of 30% or 40% of the price.

"I don't see that requirement easing up significantly in 2013," said McBride, who notes that defaults are more likely on second homes than primary residences, thus the higher down-payment rule.

3. Mortgage interest deduction. Will it fall victim in some way to tax reform? It's the biggest wild card as Congress looks for ways to raise money. Even if the deduction is not touched in any near-term, it'll likely come into play later in 2013 when Congress takes up tax reform. Some of the scenarios being discussed are a cap on all itemized deductions, eliminating the mortgage interest deduction entirely for second homes and cutting it only for those with high incomes.

Though it's still anybody's guess, Miller thinks it'll end up being a cap on how much interest you can deduct. Second homes could get hit harder, he says.

4. Flood insurance. This is a concern if you want to be near water. Even before Hurricane Sandy destroyed a wide swath of waterfront homes in the Northeast, rates were on the way up thanks to a new flood insurance bill passed in late June.

It put more flood-prone homeowners in line for rate hikes in the next year, says Ken Wingert, NAR senior legislative representative. Also, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, is looking at expanding flood-zone maps, which would mean more homeowners needing to buy flood insurance.

"Sandy brought the flood insurance system to the edge," Miller said. "There are two things sure in life: death and taxes. Now there's a third: higher flood insurance premiums."

5. Capital gains taxes. You might not want to sell your just-purchased second home anytime soon. But when you do, you could get hit with higher capital gains taxes.

Unlike a primary home, second homes and investment properties don't enjoy the same kind of capital-gains tax exemptions.

If you rent out your vacation home part of the year, net rent would be counted toward total investment income in determining whether you are subject to the 3.8% tax, Wingert says.



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## • LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ... IN THEIR WORDS •

### Hagan joins bi-partisan group to fight military sexual assaults



Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kay Hagan, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, joined a bipartisan group of lawmakers at a high-level meeting at the White House on the prevention of military sexual assault. The meeting, led by Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett and Chief of Staff to Michelle Obama Tina Tchen, comes on the heels of a Department of Defense report released this week estimating that over 26,000 servicemembers were sexually assaulted in 2012, up from approximately 19,000 in 2010. The number of cases actually reported remains just a fraction, with 3,374 sexual assault reports in 2012, compared to 3,192 in 2011.

"I have heard first-hand from servicemembers in North Carolina about the military sexual assault crisis in our armed forces, and today I spoke with some of the president's top advisors about concrete steps we can take to address this problem," said Hagan. "It is appalling and unacceptable that an estimated 26,000 incidents of sexual assault took place in our military last year and even more alarming that so few victims actually reported them. Our servicemen and women should not have to worry about their personal safety on bases in the U.S. and around the world while they are bravely serving to protect our nation's safety."

Among the topics discussed at the meeting was the need for special victims advocates for individuals who come forward to report an assault. Participants also talked about a need to include the Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves in

any programs aimed at reducing sexual assault.

During her time in the Senate, Hagan has raised awareness of the problem of military sexual assault and routinely pressed military leadership on their specific plans and efforts to reduce the alarming number of assaults that take place and often go unreported. Hagan spoke with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel during his confirmation process and received assurance he would implement a set of directives from the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 (NDAA) to reduce military sexual assault and change the culture.

After today's White House meeting, Hagan is calling on Secretary Hagel to report to Congress on the progress of implementing those directives.

"We must take action now to eliminate sexual assault in the military, and after today's meeting, I am calling on Secretary Hagel to report to Congress on the implementation of the NDAA provisions aimed at fixing this problem," added Senator Hagan. "These victims deserve to be treated with respect and concern, and we cannot accept sexual assault as part of military culture. This is a problem that cannot wait another day to be addressed."

Among the provisions passed by the Senate in the NDAA are regulations establishing special victim capabilities, enhanced training and education for sexual assault and prevention and two independent panels to review the systems used to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate sexual assaults, as well as judicial proceedings.

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money it will have, hopefully, those first year teachers will be re-employed," said Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter. "I know we have clear student number needs for our two teachers."

Among the crowd of concerned teachers present at the meeting, all of which were native Western Carolinians, some were able to share their thoughts.

"First year teachers made a commitment to teach," said Kerri Moschouris, of Iotla Elementary. "[State budget cuts] wasn't done right. We go above and beyond." Moschouris remarked that while teaching positions are cut, the number of students increases each year in Macon County. "The number of kids are not going down. In the grand scheme of things it's going to hurt the kids. It's not in their best interest."

Fellow faculty member Christy Hart echoed Moschouris' concerns, adding that the demographic changes Macon County faces are not being adequately faced by government oversight, both local and state level. "It's a state issue though there are things [the county] could do better. I believe it's time we take a stand."

For Amber Riddle, a first-year teacher and her husband, the years of sacrifice and planning for her career has impacted them, but more importantly Macon County. "I don't believe anything takes place over education."

The board unanimously approved to postpone its May 20 meeting to May 28 at 6 p.m. at Nantahala School.

"This is probably the best the Board of Education can do with no clear revenue allotments from the state or county, yet, and with a state deadline to notify teachers that comes prior to knowing how much those revenue allotments are," said Jetter. "I guess the state has clear deadlines for local decisions, but, not for its own budget resolutions, even if those local decisions can't be made until the state budget resolutions are made. Seems a little backwards to me."

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## • HEALTH MATTERS •

### Are you wrecking your teeth? & Dental implant options

#### By Dr. Joseph Wilbanks

You could be wrecking your teeth without even knowing it. Teeth are pretty tough – after all dental enamel is the hardest substance in the human body. So just what do we do to wreck our teeth?

•Brushing incorrectly. Using a hard bristle brush or brushing too hard or too often can damage the enamel on your teeth. Brushing too soon after eating or drinking something acidic can also cause damage because tooth enamel softens when exposed to acids). Rinse your mouth with water immediately after eating and brush 30 to 60 minutes later. On the flip side, not brushing enough leaves bacteria in your mouth that cause tooth decay and gum disease.

•Skipping the floss. Floss is just as important as brushing because it cleans between the teeth and under the gum line where your toothbrush can't reach.

•Using teeth as tools. Ripping open the bag of chips, chomping ice and even popping bottle caps – people do lots of things with their teeth that they shouldn't do. Use your teeth for chewing food and you'll avoid lots of problems.

•Drinking sports or energy drinks, soda or fruit juice regularly can damage teeth. All of them have too much sugar and most have very high acid levels as well. Water is the healthiest choice but if you do drink the others I suggest finishing the drink quickly and then rinsing with water.

•Oral piercings – There is nothing positive for your teeth about having a piece of metal banging away at them all day. Chipping, breaking and wearing away of enamel are all common.

•Smoking is bad for your oral health as well as your overall health. Smoking is a big factor in tooth loss because it is a factor in the development of gum disease.

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When you are missing a tooth you have several options but the best option is usually dental implants. Don't feel bad about losing a tooth – about 69% of adults between the ages of 35 to 44 have lost at least one tooth. The reasons range from accidents to gum disease to decay. By age 74, 26% of adults will have lost all of their permanent teeth.

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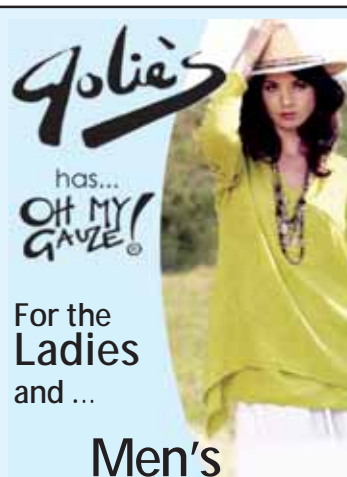
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capital projects, to present a balanced budget across all funds, he said it is necessary to appropriate \$218,229 from the Electric Reserve Fund and \$218,230 from the undesignated General Fund Balance for a combined total of \$436,458. These funds are being used to offset operational and capital project deficits in the Parks and Recreation Department, said Frye.

If the proposed budget is accepted, on July 1, 2013 there will be \$1,533,968 in undesignated General Fund and \$2,233,450 in the Electric Reserve Fund.

All other funds are self-supporting and require no outside fund transfers to enable them to operate.

The FY 2013-'14 budget has revenues and expenditures totaling \$13,189,591.

Proposed capital projects, which represent a deficit, will cost \$436,458, down about \$75,000 from the first "wish list" discussed at the first budget workshop.

**Utility Matters**

At Commissioner John Dotson's urging, the board discussed the town's practice of charging minimum electric fees even after disconnecting residents for nonpayment.

The minimum monthly electric charge for residents is \$19.72 and \$22.41 for commercial clients.

"The town is charging for a service that has been cut. To me that's not acceptable," he said. "We are billing for a service they aren't getting."

But Mayor David Wilkes and Commissioner Gary Drake said the town is billing for the availability of the service.

"Being disconnected doesn't reduce your responsibility to pay for availability," said Wilkes. "We have to have everybody subsidizing our services if we are going to provide services."

Drake agreed. "It's still a service at their house which is available as soon as they want to pay the bill. We're not taking the wire down between the house and the road. It's still available sitting right there at their meter," he said.

Wilkes said it's the cost of doing business and the cost of property ownership in Highlands.

"Two-thirds of our customers are second-home owners – part-time residents – so people have to pay for availability with the minimum charge," he said. "If people are going to live here, they have to pay to have the service available."

He went on to say that he understands it's a hardship for some and it can be a hardship for second-home owners, too.

"A lady puts her husband in a nursing home, the house is sitting there, they don't come up here anymore and we're billing

them. That's a hardship but we have to have everybody subsidizing the services here if we are going to provide them."

Drake said not including those who are disconnected for nonpayment, if part-time residents didn't pay the minimum charge it would mean a potential loss to the town of \$236,000.

However, Dotson still questioned the legality the availability charge, particularly for those whose power was disconnected for nonpayment.

"Once the town, on its own volition, pulls a service and it bills for that service ... if there is no power ... nothing running, power isn't available to that house. I'm not sure a public utility can bill for a service it doesn't render."

Mayor Wilkes said the town does it all the time because it continues to charge minimum fees for all its services when part-time residents leave town.

Dotson said the town is forcing residents whose power has been turned off for lack of payment to accrue more debt which means collecting it becomes even less probable.

"So, what's the repercussions of the money we write-off?" he said. "It's lost money we didn't provide a service for."

Frye said the town wrote off more during FY 2012-'13 because policy wasn't being enforced. Now write-off potential has been minimized. He also said if the town didn't charge the minimum for availability it would have to charge substantially more for reconnection fees. "It would be hard to operate the system, otherwise," he said.

Currently, it costs \$75 to reconnect electric service whether it was cut by the town or requested to be cut voluntarily.

No motion was made to change utility policy.

Meanwhile, final figures have been put to the gift of free utilities the town is giving The Highlands Playhouse, the ABC Store and the Chamber of Commerce for FY 2013-'14.

In 2012, not including late fees, The Highlands Playhouse was billed \$8,845.10 for utilities; The ABC Store was billed \$6,574.01 and the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center was billed \$5,821.33 – a total of \$21,240.44.

At the first budget workshop meeting Frye said he thought it was about \$14,000.

It should be noted that the Fire Department was left out of the scenario even though it occupies a town-owned building which was one of the two stipulations suggested by Commissioner Brian Stiehler for giving free utilities – either occu-

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# • HIGHLANDS AREA 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](http://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.

## Monday & Wednesday

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

## 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)

## Mondays

• Mountain View Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

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

## Tuesdays

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center at noon.  
• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

## 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.

## Wednesdays & Fridays

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

## Thursdays

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

• The Highlands Writers Group meets at 1 p.m. at the Hudson Library. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

• Free dinner at the Cashiers Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Mostly organic, healthy food. Donations accepted. Call 743- 5706 for more information. Volunteers needed!

## Second Thursdays

• The regular meeting of Highlands Chapter #284,

Order of The Eastern Star is held at 7:30 p.m.

## Saturdays

• Highlands Farmer's Market in Highlands Plaza 9a to noon beginning June 1. Fresh vegetables, Flowers, breads, baked goods, craft items, jewelry, etc... we have close to 30 vendors scheduled for each weekend. For more information, email Andrea Gabbard @ [andrea.gabbard@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.gabbard@gmail.com).

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

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

## Every Third Saturday

• See EVENTS page 12

## Toxaway Falls Garden Club plant sale is May 16 - 18, Thurs.-Sat.



Pictured are from left are Toxaway Falls Garden Club members: Kathy Johnson, Cary Lide, Barb Shevory, Paula Markert and Sue Foster.

The Toxaway Falls Garden Club is hosting its Fourth Native Plant Sale at Whistlin' Dixie Garden Center located on Hwy 64 in Sapphire on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 16th, 17th and 18th from 9 am to 5 pm.

## Choir on Sunday, May 19 presents Vaudeville

London's Lord Mayor greets Boy Choir performers



The Atlanta Boy Choir which will appear Sunday at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will sing a staged production by the English composer Benjamin Britten entitled "The Golden Vanity."

This work which Britten called a "vaudeville for boys and piano" takes place on the Lowland sea. It is a confrontation between the British frigate "Golden Vanity" and the pirate ship "Turkish Galilee."

The "Vanity" on its way back to England laden with a cargo of gold is confronted by the pirates of the Turkish Galilee. A battle ensues and the pirates get the upper hand while the "Vanity" sailors prepare to be taken captive.

At that moment the lowly little cabin boy approaches the mighty captain of the Vanity and says he knows a way to sink the pirate ship.

His crew scorns the little boy and laughs at his offer. However the captain, desperate for any solution, lets the little boy climb overboard and with a little spike he drills a hole in the pirate ship causing it to sink, drowning all the pirates.

The Golden Vanity crew is overjoyed until they realize that their cruel captain is not going to haul the cabin boy back on board and give him his reward as promised.

The cabin boy drowns and is buried at sea only to haunt the captain and his crew forevermore.

The Choir performs this delightful piece all over the world and was honored to give one performance aboard a true British frigate. Celebrities including the Lord Mayor of London gave them a rousing Hip Hip Hooray.

You are invited to witness the spectacle on Sunday along with several other delightful musical presentations presented by the 40 men and 30 boys of the Atlanta Boy Choir.

Time is 4 P.M. Reserved seats are still available by calling 404.378.0064 or emailing [info@atlantaboychoir.org](mailto:info@atlantaboychoir.org) and supporting the choir's needy boy fund. All other seats are free and open to the public.



# • HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

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

**Thurs.-Sat., May 16-18**  
• At The Bascom, Collective Spirits, a premier spring wine and food event. For additional information regarding events and participating chefs and vintners, please visit

collectivespirits.com. For ticketing information, call the ticket office at 828-787-2896. For other Collective Spirits inquiries, contact Claire Cameron, Events Manager, at 828-787-2882 or ccameron@thebascom.org.

• The Toxaway Falls Garden Club is hosting its Fourth Native Plant Sale at Whistlin' Dixie Garden Center located on Hwy 64 in Sapphire on Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Thurs., May 16**

• Taize at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church at 5:30p.

• "When Sugar Met Salt" – Balance the Salt you Eat & Help Steady Blood Sugar Too! Macon County Public Health will be offering this fun and easy class about how to lighten up on sodium and help manage diabetes. Join Jessi Bassett, Registered Dietitian at Macon County Public Health for a live cooking demo and yummy dinner on Thursday, May 16th from 5:30-7 pm. Learn how the salt in

your foods can make a difference in your blood sugar. This event is free but registration is required. Call Macon County Public Health @ 349-2425 today to reserve your spot!

**Fri. May 17**

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4-mile easy hike with an elevation change of 150 ft. on the Little Tennessee River Greenway from Tasse Shelter to the Library Loop and back. Meet at the Tasse Shelter on Ulco Dr. in Franklin at 6:30 a.m. with binoculars for bird-watching. Call leader Kathy Ratcliff, 349-3380, for reservations. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

• The High Mountain Squares will be having a special "Graduation Dance" this Friday night, at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 6:30-9pm. Jim Roper from Cornella, GA will be

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## Garden Club Plant Sale is 31-year tradition



From left: MGC members Susan Hermesmeier and Wanda Cooper help 6th grade students Jesus Damian, Freddi Lopez, Riley Moseley and Bert Zachary pot milkweed plants

### By Emily Compost

Yes, it's that time of year. The ladies of the Mountain Garden Club (MGC) are in feverish preparation for their plant sale.

You may have seen these intrepid ladies travelling to local gardens where they dig amazing plants from the generous gardeners who support their efforts.

Now, it's your turn to benefit from these ladies' efforts. Come join the fun at the 31st Annual MGC Plant Sale on Saturday May 25, 2013 at the Highlands Ball Park from 9 am until noon.

In addition to lovely locally-grown perennials, show-stopping dahlias, and native delights, you'll find more of the specialty shovels that sold out last year.

A new item this year will be stunning botanical photo note cards featuring local flora and landscapes.

Love Monarch butterflies? Come buy swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)—another new item at this year's sale.

Milkweed is the only host plant for Monarch butterfly caterpillars. To help save Monarch butterflies, whose populations are in decline, Highlands School 6th graders potted milkweed for the sale during a recent outdoor class with MGC in the butterfly garden at Highlands

School.

If you've enjoyed that garden or been amazed at the transformation of the Middle School Courtyard into an outdoor classroom, you've seen two places where MGC plant sale dollars go.

If you've seen the lovely courtyard gardens at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, you've seen another place where MGC plant sale dollars go.

This summer at the Highlands Biological Station researchers and college students will peer into Lindenwood Lake with new underwater viewing buckets—just one of many tools purchased with MGC plant sale dollars.

This fall, as Parker Sims and Corbin Hawkins, graduating seniors from Highlands School, begin their college careers, they'll have an extra measure of financial security, thanks to MGC plant sale dollars.

Be a part of this Highlands tradition of giving back to our community.

Come to the 31st Annual MGC Plant Sale, Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to noon. Cash or checks, only. No credit cards. Please bring your own sled or wagon if you can. Rain date will be Sunday, May 26, 1-4 p.m.

See You There!

## Mountain Lakes 5K Race-Walk to take place June 1

After a hiatus of several years, the Mountain Lakes 5K is being revived.

The race, which until recently was held each May by the Highlands Roadrunners Club, has been handed over to the Mountaintop Rotary Club and is set for Saturday, June 1 at 8:30 a.m. As in the past, the race starts on US 64 across from the entrance to the Highlands Recreation Park and finishes beside First Citizens Bank on Laurel Street. Race-day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. that in the lobby at the recreation park.

Proceeds from the race will benefit the Wheelchairs for Bolivia Project currently under way by several local Rotary clubs, the Highlands Community Care Clinic, and a number of other community nonprofits supported by the morning Rotary Club.

"We are very pleased that the Roadrunners Club graciously allowed us to take over the race and use it for a to raise money for several service projects that Mountaintop Rotary supports," said Skip Taylor, president of Mountaintop Rotary and also this year's race director. "Richard and Martha Betz and several others from the running club did a great job organizing this event year after year, and we hope to continue that tradition of putting on a great race and raising money for charity."

The race is open to both runners and walkers of all ages, and first-, second-, and third-place trophies will be awarded to both male and female winners in each 10-year age group, as well as first-place trophies to

the top overall male female winners. The entry fee is \$25 with t-shirt for adults (\$15 without shirt) and \$15 with shirt for students.

Registration forms are available at the front desk of the Highlands Recreation Park and on line at [www.mountaintoprotary.net](http://www.mountaintoprotary.net) (click on the 5K link and then the link below the logo), and preregistration is encouraged. In fact, Taylor said the first 25 people who pre-register will receive a free glass commemorative race mug.

The 3.1 mile wheeled course travels east on US 64 approximately 100 yards, turns right onto Hickory Street, continues straight on to Lower Lake Road behind the Highlands Biological Station Lake, right on to Horse Cove Road, passed the Highlands Nature Center, left on to sixth street (passed the Assembly of God Church), right on to Smallwood Ave., then left at Harris Lake on Leonard Road. The course continues straight on Wilson Road/Pierson Drive, passed Highlands School on Fifth Street, crosses Main Street and continues on Fifth until turning left onto Laurel Street. Runners should be advised that approximately a half mile of the course (on Lower Lake Road) is on a well maintained gravel road.

Water, sports drinks and fruit will be available for all runners at the finish line. Awards will be presented in the gym at the Rec. Park following the race.

For more information, contact Skip Taylor at 526-4280, Victoria Ingate at 828-421-2548, or email [mtntoprotary@gmail.com](mailto:mtntoprotary@gmail.com).



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the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be a Plus Workshop from 6:30-7pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 828-349-0905.

## Sat. May 18

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 13-mile strenuous hike to Mt. LeConte, with an elevation change of 3,500 ft., climbing from Grotto Falls on the Trillium Gap Trail and descending via Rainbow Falls Trail. Meet at Dillsboro Huddle House at 8 am. Drive 172 miles round trip. Call leader Don O'Neal, 828-586-5723, for reservations. Able visitors welcome, but no pets please.

- Military salute honoring L.C. Nix at the Highlands Memorial Park at 3 p.m. The family will gather at noon for lunch in the lower picnic pavilion at the Highlands Rec Park. Bring your favorite salad and a serving utensil.

- Highlands Plateau Audubon again this year will lead a bird walk into the private community of Lonesome Valley in Sapphire. Anyone interested should meet in the parking lot of the Highlands Town Hall near the rest rooms at 7:30 am sharp to carpool to Cashiers. For details, call Michelle Styring at 743-9670 or go to [www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org](http://www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org).

## Sunday, May 19

- The world famous Atlanta Boy Choir will present

its annual concert Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. The performance is free. Donations are accepted. Come early for a seat.

- Martinis and Mozart at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro. Tickets are \$85 per person. Enjoy martinis, wine and the Bistro's speciality hors d'oeuvres. Call the HCCMF office for reservations at 828-526-9060.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 2.5-mile easy hike on the Kimsey Creek Trail to view spring wildflowers on a mostly level woodland trail with a very short climb and small creek crossing. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 2 pm. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

## Monday, May 20

- Mountain View Intermediate School Blood Drive (161 Clarks Chapel Road; Franklin, NC) 2 - 6:30 pm Please contact Sandy Keener at (828) 349-1325 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

- Audubon will host Chris Graves of Haywood Community College at 7 pm at the Hudson Library in Highlands. Chris will discuss landscape-level research of Haywood aimed at improving habitat for birds in western NC. Visit [www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org](http://www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org)

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## Food Preservation 101 at the Hudson Library

Do you remember Grandma cooking jars of green beans all day until the jars sealed? Or canning venison in small chunks so it was ready for venison stew? What about husking bushels of corn for freezing? Can you still smell the onions or the apples hanging from the ceiling dehydrating naturally? What about all those wonderful homemade jams and jellies that accented meals? In today's world it is important to know the ins and outs of food preservation. It's a great way to save money as you preserve and prepare your own foods. Whether the produce is from your garden or the local farmers' markets, it is easy to find just the right amount of fresh produce needed to can, freeze or dehydrate for your family needs.

Sherrie Peeler, the Family and Consumer Science Agent for the NC Cooperative Extension in Franklin, NC will present "Food Preservation 101" at the Hudson Library on May 22 at 3pm. Her presentation includes water bath and pressure canning and understanding about high acid and low acid foods, freezing techniques, dehydration, and how to make jams and jellies. Also to be shared are the correct altitude adjustments needed for the Highlands community when preserving foods. Another important aspect of food preservation that will



be included is methods to prevent food-borne illness.

So if you've ever had a desire to preserve your own food, or just want to hone the skills you already have, lots of ideas will be shared. The Hudson Library Community welcomes Sherrie to Highlands and hopes you will stop by for this opportunity to learn about food preservation.

## HCP's 'Love, Loss' opens May 23

As the Cole Porter song goes:—  
"Four weeks you rehearse and rehearse....three weeks and it couldn't be worse....one week will it ever be right?—then out of the hat—it's that BIG first night!"

Thursday, May 23, is that BIG first night for the cast of the Highlands Cashiers Players in "Love, Loss, and What I Wore" at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands (507 Chestnut Street), with a catered reception for audience, cast, and production team following the performance.

Written by well-known novelists, screen and theater writers, Nora Ephron and her sister Delia Ephron, this witty, funny, and insightful play was a recent Off-Broadway hit, featuring a rotating cast of five top-notch stage and film actresses (including the likes of Tyne Daly and Rosie O'Donnel), dressed in black, sitting together on stage to deliver their lines.

The HCP production, on the other hand, includes 24 women, in colorful costumes, ranging from teenagers to seniors, who don't just sit reciting their lines, but move in and off and on the stage, delivering comments and humorous monologues about life experiences evoked by memories of the clothes they wore.

Inspired by the best-selling memoir by Ilene Beckerman, the Ephron sisters collected stories from their friends about clothing, but found that the stories were really about mothers and daughters, death and dating, humiliation and empowerment. "It (the play) is not about fashion," says Nora Ephron. "It's the opposite of fashion. Fashion makes clothes more trivial than they really are." Delia adds, "Clothes are about your emotional life, from beginning to end." It might well be said that the play is about the power of clothes and the significance they have in the lives of women.



Bonnie Earman, Director of HCP's "Love, Loss and What I Wore"

So men (who also have their own emotional connections with clothing) can learn a lot about women in "Love, Loss, and What I Wore," and laugh with the rest of the audience about the sometimes absurd importance we humans attach to clothing.

The play is directed by Bonnie Earman, with Lance Trudel as Assistant Director and Jenny King as Assistant to the Director.

Highlands Cashiers Players has been blessed, over

the years, to have such a talented roster of volunteer directors from which to choose. Certainly, one of the most respected would be Dr. Ronnie Spilton.

Dr. Spilton had planned to direct the upcoming play, "Love, Loss and What I Wore," by Delia and Nora Ephron. Unfortunately, Dr. Spilton's mother had a massive stroke and Ronnie had to leave for Florida before rehearsals began.

But ....the show must go on. Enter stage left: Bonnie Earman, member of the Highlands Cashiers Players board of directors. Bonnie studied for years under the expert tutelage of well-known actress, Collin Wilcox Paxton, both on and off stage. As a member of the The Instant Theater Company, Bonnie embraced all aspects of theater, from scripted pieces to improv. She brings her love of theater, the wisdom of her mentor and her own unique vision to "Love, Loss and What I Wore"; and the Highlands Cashiers Players is thrilled she chose to undertake the challenge of directing under such circumstances.

The show runs Thurs.- Sun., May 23 - May 26, and Thurs.-Sun., May 30 - June 2. Call the HCP box office at 526-8084 for reservations, open Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, for season subscribers and for general reservations starting Saturday, May 18.



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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

**Tuesday, May 21**

• Audubon will lead a special outing to Southern Highlands Reserve atop Mt. Toxaway. This outing is limited to 20, so reservations are a must. Call Romney Bathurst, 526-1939 to sign up. The Reserve requests a \$20 donation from each participant. Bring a bag lunch and stop to enjoy the incredible views.

**Wed., May 22**

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital free health screening for Highlands and Scaly Mountain beginning at 7:15a at the Jane Woodruff Clinic. Pre-registration required; call (828) 526-1435.

• At The Hudson Library, Sherrie Peeler, the Family and Consumer Science Agent for the NC Cooperative Extension in Franklin, NC will present "Food Preservation 101" Wednesday at 3pm.

**Thurs. - Sun., May 23-26**

• HCP's "Live, Loss, and What I Wore" opens Thursday night, with a catered reception after the performance, and runs through Sunday, May 26; Evening performances begin at 7:30, Sunday matinees, at 2:30 p.m. Call the HCP box office, 828-526-8084, or stop by the Performing Arts Center on 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands.

## Romance coming to PAC June 6



Rose (Shirley Williams), her brother Ralph Bellini (David Milford), Carol Reynolds (Becky Schilling) and the Young Man (Robert Helma) take the stage in HCP's The Last Romance June 6-9 and 13-6 at PAC.

**By Dr. Becky Schilling**

This June the Highlands Cashiers Players will bring you The Last Romance, a heart-warming romantic comedy by Tony Award Winner Joe DiPietro.

You're in for a special treat.

This funny, tender play is all about love—why we seek it, the surprising places we find it, and how love has the power to transform us, even when life gets in the way.

The story is about Ralph Bellini (David Milford), a lively 80-year-old widower who comes to a dog park, not because he has a dog, but because he has seen Carol Reynolds (Becky Schilling) walking her dog there.

Ralph lives with his sister Rose (Shirley Williams), who hates dogs and pretty much everything else in life. Rose is dedicated to protecting her brother against dangers of all sorts, including those that lurk in the dog park.

Ralph, a retired railroad man, loves opera. As a young man he auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera. He wants to introduce Carol, who is totally disinterested in opera, to the ecstasies of operatic music and the love stories that are bigger than life. For Ralph, opera explains life...and why we don't always get what we want.

Beautiful music fills Ralph's mind and will fill yours, too, thanks to The Young Man (Robert Helma) who sings operatic arias at key moments in the play.

'The dialogue and music of this play are so rich, you could enjoy it just by listening,' said Schilling. 'But you'll want to keep your eyes wide open so you don't miss a thing. Some of the looks that David Milford and Shirley Williams give me are hilarious, and Robert Helma, our tenor from Western Carolina University, looks like he came straight from Milan.'

Directed by Ralph Stevens and David Milford. The Last Romance will delight and entertain audience members of ages 12 to 102. The talented technical crew includes Megan Potts (light design), John Williams (sound design), and John Roman (set design and construction).

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.



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Gabbard went over to Duke and worked on the driving range in order to prepare for the next round. "We went over to the range (at Duke) and I hit a ton to try and sharpen up a few things," said Bosco. "I think it really helped for the next round because I drove the ball really well but just had some bad luck." The next day Bosco shot an 88 to finish 10th overall.

Bosco will attend Campbell University in the fall and major in Professional Golf Management.

## Lady Highlanders fall to Thomas Jefferson, end season

The Highlands Lady Highlanders closed out their season last week with a loss to the Thomas Jefferson Lady Gryphons by a score of 5-2. Hayden Bates and Kirstyn Lamb both scored goals for the Highlanders, but they could not keep up with the firepower of the Lady Gryphons, who returned the majority of their NCHSAA runner-up team from last year.

The Lady Highlanders finished the season with an overall record of 10-7-3, which is an excellent record for a school that regularly played much larger schools such as Habersham Central, Pisgah, and Rabun County. The Lady Highlanders tied Rabun Gap twice, and defeated Pisgah, Brevard and Rabun County. "We had a pretty successful season," said Sophomore Captain Kirstyn Lamb, "we started off the season a bit slow, but we found our momentum as the season went along and were able to get going pretty good." Lamb lead the team in both goals scored and assists, and the Lady Highlanders will return 8 starters next season.

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provided to local businesses.

They claim these particular machines, which are in Highlands Wine Cellar and Cigar owned by Fred Bowers and P&J Food Mart in Sylva owned by Gregg Hildebrandt, use a promotional sweepstakes program for marketing and promoting the sale of gift cards that can be used to buy goods online, and so are not illegal.

Customers can gain free entry into the sweepstakes, by following directions which are displayed on each stand-alone Gift Surplus kiosk.

When customers buy dollar-for-dollar gift cards, they are given free entry into the sweepstakes. To find out if the customer is a winner, he or she must play a video game which takes a certain amount of skill, says Hyler and Agan, to win a prize.

Since Gift Surplus's machines are free to enter, they contend they aren't a lottery and therefore are in compliance with the law.

Also named in the lawsuit are Sylva Police Chief David Woodard and District Attorney Mike Bonfoey.

"I am as surprised by this complaint as much anyone else," said Chief Harrell. "We have done nothing wrong by advising the operators of these machines that they are allowed to operate them at their own risk."

That means that any case law pertaining to these machines – which are currently legal – has been like a see-saw and is very sensitive and should be paid close attention to, he said.

"The operators have assured me that they will be very diligent in abiding by the guidelines established or that are set by case law," said Harrell.

In a recent court case involving Gift Surplus's machines, District Court Judge Donna Forga found the proprietor not guilty of violating state sweepstakes machine law because the machines involve a sweepstakes that promotes a product and involves a skill component to win.

"They want an injunction that orders us to leave them alone,

which is what we've agreed to do based on the ruling of Judge Forga," said Sheriff Holland. "Since the finding of that case, we haven't spent one second of time investigating poker machines. We have bigger fish to fry."

Holland said the problem is the legislature established a law that is confusing to law enforcement and judges across the state.

"Basically they want to put this in front of a judge to get a ruling that requires police chiefs, sheriffs, law enforcement in general to leave them alone. Nothing requires that right now," said Holland.

Meanwhile, Holland said his department isn't looking for sweepstakes violators.

"Action on our part is complaint driven. If anyone files a complaint we will look into it but will always confirm with the District Attorney because of the recent judge ruling that the Gift Surplus machines aren't illegal, which means it would be inappropriate for us to file charges," he said.

– Kim Lewicki



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Over the past few weeks many have intermittently followed stories of terroristic bombings, murder trials, kidnapping and sexual slavery, infanticide, parade shootings and alleged political cover-ups. All these terrible events took place on the heels of yet another school massacre only proceeded by a movie theatre massacre. Anyone who is objective can see that we as a nation are in trouble or at the very least having to constantly deal with horrifying violence and the dehumanizing of culture.

Have you noticed how difficult it is to be surprised any more? Are we not being more and more desensitized? What once was appalling is now becoming commonplace. The metaphorical "frog in a kettle" is seemingly near a boiling point. Can it get worse? What's going on? Is this phenomenon of violence something that has happened repeatedly throughout our nation's history or a "now event"? What's the deal here?

People have many reasons for these shifts in our society. For some its violent video games, for others a lack of gun laws. Others say that taking prayer out of schools and teaching children that they come from apes is part of the reason. Still others say we have devalued human life by aborting nearly 50 million babies. Many place blame on Hollywood and its appetite for violence and promiscuity. Others attribute the multi-billion dollar pornography industry made accessible to most every 13-year-old as the devaluing and objectification of women.

There, too, is a camp of scholars and sociologists that attributes many social ills to the alarming rate of fatherlessness in society.

Everyone seems to have placed responsibility or even blame on someone else. Maybe the answer is seclusion in the mountains? Maybe we just need to try harder? Maybe it's a program or a politician or affordable health care or some other political perspective. There too, are those that say none of these things really make a difference.

What do you think? Is there any merit to these points? If we are breaking or we are all together broke-how do we get fixed?

Maybe we need a man to get some men to start a movement. The problem is those movements eventually become monuments that eventually become museums. We need something more living and lasting than that. Perhaps what we see happening in culture is also on some level happening to us personally.

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John 3:16

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

Proverbs 3:5

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Thurs.: Women's Prayer Group - 10 a.m., Whiteside Presbyterian  
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pying a town-owned building or being a quasi-judicial entity in nature.

All Highlands Fire & Rescue expenses are paid for out of the Fire Tax – one of the two Highlands' taxes levied citizens.

For FY 2013-'14, \$6,500 is budgeted to be transferred from the fire tax proceeds to the Electric Fund to pay for utilities at the station.

#### Budget Changes

With deficits in mind, the \$15,000 allocated the nonprofits during the first budget workshop go-around was nixed. Therefore, the Highlands Community Child Development Center, the Peggy Crosby Center and the Emergency Council will not be getting \$5,000 each.

Instead of giving employees a 3% COLA raise it's down to 2%. At 3% it would have cost the town \$97,342.78; at 2% it's \$65,520.65.

Also nixed are plans to expand the town's fiber backbone to the public.

"I'm glad it's removed for now," said Commissioner Gary Drake. "We need to make sure we end up with the right thing for the town. Before we spend this kind of money, we need to make sure it's what we need and that it will work here."

Commissioner Stiehler agreed. "It is one of the most important things the town can do so we want to make sure we get the right technology," he said.

So budgeted is \$68,000 in the MIS/GIS department for water intake communication upgrade at \$24,000; the Community Building Generator Connection at \$10,000; GPS units for \$20,000 and ground penetrating radar at \$14,000.

#### Parks and Recreation

Since the Macon County Commission is holding its May meeting in Highlands, Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, the Town Board hopes to get some answers concerning recreation – specifically about the new pool.

"If the county isn't going to split the cost for the new pool, we should take it out of the budget for 2013-'14," said Frye.

He also said though it's "normal" for recreation departments to run in the red, he wants Recreation Director Lester Norris to consider raising fees or downscaling programs which might curtail some of the bleeding.

The Highlands Recreation Department traditionally runs \$80,000 to \$100,000 in the red.

However, at the first budget workshop meeting, the board OK'd steep discounts for 4-, 6-, 8-year and lifetime memberships to entice citizens to donate money for the weight-room equipment. Commissioners

agreed to spend up to \$7,000 but the remaining \$14,000 needed for equipment and renovations has to come from citizens.

Budgeted for the Parks and Recreation Department this go around is the HVAC upgrade for \$144,975; exterior door replacements for \$54,696; and the pool replacement 50/50 split with the county for \$225,000.

#### Insurance

The employee insurance plan decided on the first week in May still stands and will save the town \$225,000 this year compared to last year.

It's 100% employee coverage, 50% dependent coverage and a 50/50 split on the deductible between the town and employees.

#### Street Department

In the Street Department \$398,000 has been budgeted for paving of Memorial Drive, replacement of the street sweeper and back hoe trucks at \$139,000, a sidewalk on Main Street from Oak to 1st street and the Town Hall complex retaining wall along Oak Street will be replaced for \$205,000.

#### Water Department

The big expenditure in the water department is for the waterline replacement on Big Bear Pen. Plus the equipment for the job the total is \$255,000.

#### Wastewater Treatment

The Wastewater Treatment Department will expend \$82,000 for a treatment storage tank rehab and the rehab of the Arnold Road Pump Station.

#### Police Department

Two Ford Taurus vehicles are budgeted for the Police Department for \$65,000.

#### Sanitation Department

The board talked long and hard about spending \$13,869 on replacing dumpsters and bear-proofing dumpster lids – even wondering if business owners should be fined for not properly disposing of garbage. Turns out the current dumpster lids are too heavy for most people to manage so garbage often ends up alongside or on top of the dumpster. Public Works Director Lamar Nix is having special bear-proof dumpster lids designed to be people-friendly while still being a deterrent to bears.

#### Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship fund is intact with the same amount budgeted for 2013-'14 as in the previous year – \$37,700.

The next Town Board meeting is Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Community Building.

The proposed final budget will be presented at the May 23rd meeting and the

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Spring Fling & Open House at the new Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center



Rotary of Highlands club golf tournament winners



The winning foursome of J. M. Shannon, Terry Potts, Mike Shannon, and Tim O'Connor.

On May 6, more than 90 golfers participated in the annual Rotary golf tournament. The tournament was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highlands and hosted by Highlands Country Club.

Players enjoyed golf on the historic

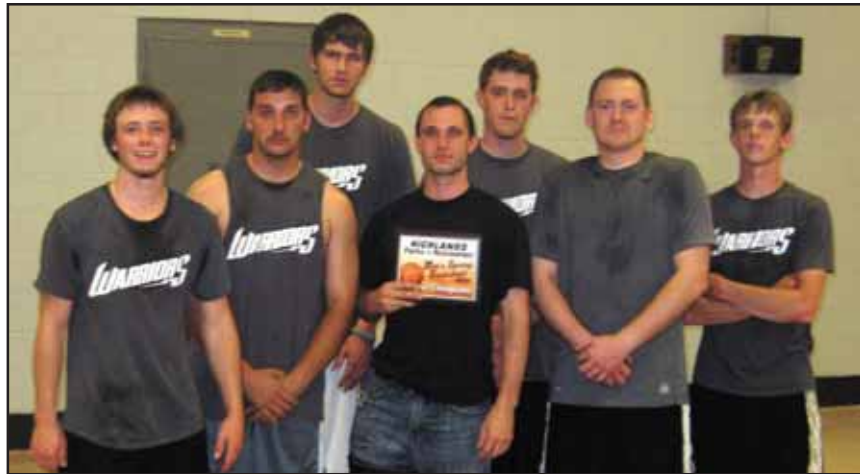
Donald Ross course, as well as lunch, beverages and prizes.

All money raised by this tournament helps fund the many projects of the Rotary Club of Highlands.



# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

## Highlands Rec League Basketball winners



First place winners: Ffrom left: Crawford, Billy Kimsey, Zack Dezack, Aaron Bryson. Back Row from left: Aaron Miller and Koty Drake.



Second place winners: Billingsley Farms from left: Ken McKim, Robby Vanderbilt, Taylor Osteen, Michael Baty, and Brad Bergman.



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• POLICE & FIRE •

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

**April 20**

• At 5:20 p.m., officers received a report of a gas drive off from Highlands Express gas station on US 64 for the amount of \$50.

**April 28**

• At 9:05 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64.

**April 4**

• At noon, officers were called to a residence on Choctaw Lane concerning second-degree kidnapping where someone was pushed into a room and the door was nailed shut.

**April 29**

• At 7:50 p.m., officers received a call from a resident on Williamsburg Court saying that a person was sitting on her car to keep her from leaving the area.

**April 30**

• At 9:30 a.m., officers received a report of a burglary with forced entry at a residence on Hudson Road. Numerous hand tools and lawn tools were taken as well as antiques and collectibles. Estimated value is upwards of \$1,700.

**May 1**

• At 10:45 a.m., Mark William Lendon, 44, of Highlands, was arrested for DV Protective Order Violation. He was issued a secured bond for \$1,500. His trial date was May 9, 2013.

• At 9:40 a.m., Kelli Michelle Chick, 35, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI and for possessing a toxic substance for inhalation. She was issued a \$500 unsecured bond. Her trial date is June 12, 2013.

• At 7:20 a.m., officers received a call about someone begging for money at the Farmers Market after he was asked not to.

**May 2**

• At 11:28 a.m., officers were called about a vehicle that was parked over 24 hours in one spot at Oak and 2nd streets.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from May 9**

**May 9**

• At 3:36 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Walhalla Road. EMS transported.

**May 10**

• At 10:56 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Lake Villa Court where a 60-year old man had fallen. EMS transported.

• At 3:24 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about a child burning a small amount of wood in the middle of Lower Lake Road. Police took the call.

• At 10:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire

alarm at a residence on Panther Mountain Road. It was false.

**May 12**

• At 12:53 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive. EMS transported.

• At 3:10 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Sagee Drive. EMS transported.

• At 10:09 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Sassafras Gap Road. There was no transport.

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SPEAKING from 16

While we as a nation and we as individuals try to come up with a solution, perhaps we should press into Christ. He has a lot of first-hand experience dealing with violence, persecution, depression, lunatics, laws, abuse, terror, fear, loss, fatherlessness, massacres, sexual promiscuity, legalism, dead religion, traditions that are traps, falsehoods, degradation of women, creation vs. evolution, greed, civil unrest, prisons, disease, criminals, infanticide, trials, betrayal, emptiness, hopelessness, governments, loneliness, meaninglessness, uprisings, narcissism, poverty, welfare, divorce, death, burial, grief, and resurrection.

In fact, it seems like he, too, had his own affordable care act. It goes like this. We have a debt we cannot afford to pay (sin) so he paid it for us. Now that's affordable.

Maybe we should all talk with Him about our many problems while expecting solid solutions. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

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public hearing on its adoption is scheduled for the June 20th meeting. At that meeting, citizens are encouraged to speak to the budget prior to its adoption.

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