

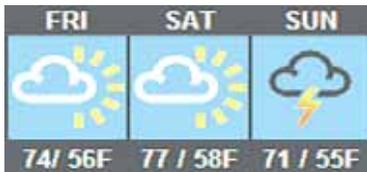
# Highlands' Newspaper

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Thursday, July 23, 2009



## This Week in Highlands

- Beginning Thurs., July 23**
- At Highlands Playhouse, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, at 8 p.m. Call 526-2695.
  - At PAC, Judy Collins in Concert at 7:30 p.m. Call 526-8084 for tickets.
- Fri. and Sat., July 24 & 25**
- Don't Count Your Chickens Folk Art Sale at the Community Building 10-6 p.m.
  - The J-MCA 2009 Green Living Fair 9:30-4 at the Civic Center. Adults \$7.50.
  - Scaly Mountain Church of God revival. Call 526-3212
- Fri., July 24**
- Free Mountain Music Concert at Highlands School. Dancing 6:45 p.m., concert at 7:30. Oliver Rice & Blue Ridge Mountain Band.
- Sat., July 25**
- Robert Tino at Greenleaf Gallery in Wright Square 4-6 p.m.
  - At Summit One Gallery, opening reception 5-7 p.m. Artists Pat Calderone and Fran Gatins.
  - ABC Store Grand Opening at 81 Highlands Plaza at 11 a.m.
  - Fisher garden tours. Tickets for \$25. Order by phone at 828-526-2968.
  - At Drake's Diamond Gallery Mia Katrin Trunk Show 10-7pm, on Second Street.
  - At Cyrano's two book signings. 1-3 p.m., Charlie Poe "Life is a Play Ground." From 3-5 p.m., Angela Dove "No Room for Doubt."
  - Pancake breakfast 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Scaly Mountain Community Center at NC 106 & Buck Knob Rd. \$5 adults, \$2.50 child.
- Monday, July 27**
- At Wolfgang's Swanson Vineyards Wine Dinner with Shelly Eichner from Napa at 6 p.m. Call 526-3807 for reservations.
  - Bill Lea, wildlife photographer, at the Art League of Highlands monthly meeting at the Civic Center at 5. Call 526-2742.
- Tuesday, July 28**
- Movie at PAC, "Unfaithfully Yours" at 7:30 p.m. Free, but donations accepted.
- Wed., July 29**
- Summer Interlude at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Helen Kim on the violin.
  - At Buck's Café, The Vega String Quartet at 8 p.m. It's free.
- Thurs., July 30**
- Just for You Relay for Life team party bridge game 1-4:30 p.m. at the Rec Park for \$10 per person. Call 787-2174 or 526-4021 to register.

## Town moves fast on flood ordinance

Last week the Planning Board may have set a record. Within an hour, members voted on two aspects of Highlands' new Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

The first vote was to adopt the "boiler plate" version supplied by the state to expedite getting an ordinance on the books so Highlands' citizens can be eligible for flood insurance through FEMA. Insurance through private insurers is about four times higher. That passed

4 to 1 with Mike Bryson voting no.

The second vote dealt with the "free board" aspect which is extra footage or height counties or municipalities can add to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) set by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

According to NFIP, the addition of Freeboard footage accounts for the unknown factors that could make flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size

flood. Floodway conditions include wave action, blockage of bridge openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization of a watershed.

The BFE plus the Freeboard then establishes the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation which is regulated by the ordinance. This ordinance concerns itself with land use regulations for development beyond the standard building code and regular zoning ordinances in an

•See ORDINANCE page 14

## Girl survives Glen Falls plunge; USFS to upgrade warnings

On Sunday, July 19, a visitor to Glen Falls off NC 106, fell 80-ft from the third tier of the popular four-tiered falls.

### Also: Dry Falls Now Open

Gioia Holland, 22, of Marion, NC, slipped and fell over the falls

and landed about 15 feet from where 16-year-old Jason Jackson landed on June 16. He, too, survived, but like Holland was badly

injured.

When rescue workers got to her

•See GLEN FALLS page 19

## Bryson has first win this year at Toccoa



Ryan Bryson of Bryson Motorsports celebrated in Victory Lane, with friends and family the night of Saturday, July 11 at Toccoa Motor Speedway in Toccoa, Ga. He qualified second and lead all the laps. This was his first win of the season. Thanks go to his sponsors B&S Haulers, Appalachian Tree, Steve's Grading, Sam's Grading, Highlands Construction, Mom, and Bryson Grading & Trucking. For more extreme sports, see page 16.

## Affordable housing key to economic development

Childcare availability and costs and housing costs and availability are both critical to healthy economic development.

So explained Kristy Carter with the NC Dept. of Commerce Division of Community Assistance during a presentation to the Macon County Childcare Issues Committee, recently.

Commission Chairman Ronnie Beale formed the committee to study the need for childcare in the county in response to the waiting lists at all childcare facilities in the county.

Using a study based on 2000-2007 statistics Carter showed what it would take to shift childcare from the public sector to a public invest-

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### What's Fred's REAL problem

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to "Mr. Foolridge's" column in last week's paper entitled - Looking at Life, Hey Palin, break the mold...get a life."

Having read three of his "Laughing at Life" columns in my brief stay in Highlands, I have noticed that you have referenced PMS in two out of the three failed attempts at humor.

I am wondering if women's menstrual cycles are an obsession with you or if you are just experiencing impotence of one sort or another. As there are a good many more intelligent, creative women living in Highlands than men, I am wondering where all the yahoos are that this kind of denigrating ho hum sarcasm usually appeals to.

I'd like to share a couple of quotes for your consideration in your next diatribe.

From Winston Churchill, "If women ran the world, there would be no wars." (In defense of Churchill's opinion, over 4,000 years of recorded history conclusively demonstrates that governance by men in complex societies in any form has never yet yielded lasting peace.)

From Robin Williams, "If women ran the world, we wouldn't have wars, just intense negotiations every 28 days."

Barbara Jones

### Blast from the past

Dear Editor,

Great picture of Buz Newton on his 100th "would have been" birthday!

Many people did not know him as Buz, but did as "Prof," when he ran the Highlander Restaurant, the snack shop next to the Galax Theatre, was my U.S. History teacher, among others.

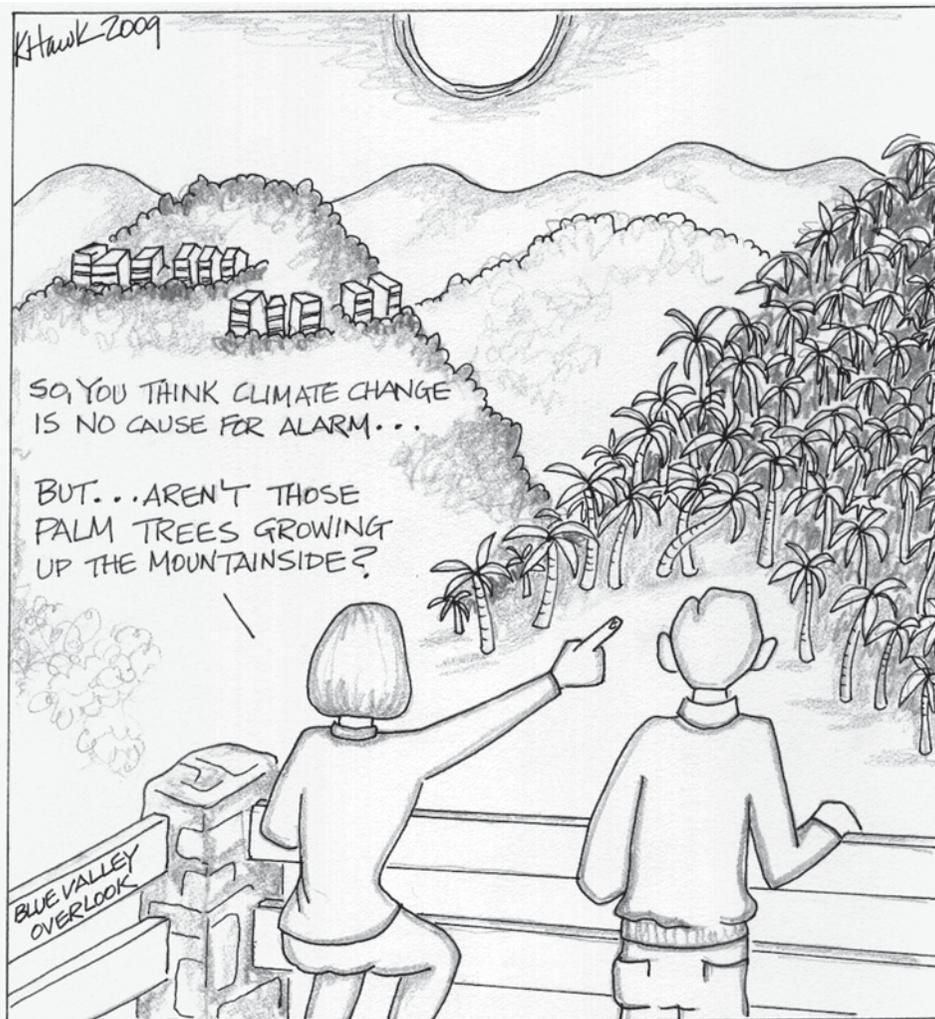
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## Open House

Saturday, Aug. 8

11-3 at the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department on Oak Street. There will be free hot dog plates and rides on the fire truck.

## • HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. **NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please EMAIL letters by Monday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

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## Highlands gets stormwater grant

### Fatland also reports on the status of other grants

Mayor Don Mullen announced that the Town of Highlands has received a \$546,500 grant award for the Pine Street Stormwater Project. According to Town Manager Jim Fatland, this is the second Federal Stimulus Grant received from the Wastewater and Stormwater Construction Grants Program.

The Town earlier received a \$3 million grant in round one for Mirror Lake Sewer Improvements and now a grant for Pine Street Stormwater Improvements in Round Two.

Mayor Mullen said "I am excited that Highlands was a recipient for Federal Stimulus Funds in both rounds of funding for sewer and stormwater improvements" and the Mayor added "I, along with the Town Board, am extremely grateful to our Town Manager Jim Fatland, Town Engineer Lamar Nix and Consulting Engineer McGill Associates who have aggressively pursued grant funds. We are very much appreciative that the Town of Highlands received grants in both rounds of Federal Stimulus Funds".

Town Manager Jim Fatland reported that the Town Board at their May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting unanimously approved the option to address stormwater problems and water quality issues by not closing Pine Street.

Also approved at that same meeting was to apply for Federal Stimulus Funds for stormwater detention that addressed water quality and a FEMA Grant Application for stormwater by pass project along Pine Street.

The Town is awaiting a decision on the FEMA Grant Application.

"Flooding in the Pine and Fifth Streets Area has been a problem for many years and I am extremely pleased that we can address water quality along with stormwater problems with this grant project," said Vice Mayor Amy Patterson

The \$546,500 grant award consists of a \$273,250 grant and a \$273,250 interest free loan for 20 years. The annual repayment of the interest free loan is \$13,662 per year. Fatland said that to be eligible for ARRA grant funding, a project must be ready to proceed quickly (shovel ready), have permits in hand and have any additional funding committed.

McGill Associates, the Town's Consulting Engineer, worked diligently along with Nix to complete the design and obtain permits in less than two months to meet the grant application deadline. According to JP Johns, McGill Associates Engineer, the

• See GRANT page 15

• OBITUARY •

**Maybelle Chastain Neely**

Maybelle Chastain Neely, 93, of Clear Creek Community in Highlands, NC died Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at Fidelity-Eckerd Living Center. She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late David E. and Ada Bryson Chastain. She was married to the late James Philo Neely, who died in 1963.

She was a homemaker, a loving mother and a granny to all. She loved to have visitors and loved gardening. She was a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Neely Vaughn and her husband, Randall of Grayson, GA; two sons, James Crawford Neely and Carl Edward Neely both of Highlands; one sister, Carrie Crain of Highlands; nine



Maybelle Chastain Neely

grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by a son, William Philo Neely, three sisters, and three brothers. Funeral services were held Friday, July 17, 2009 at the Clear Creek Baptist Church, with Rev. Zane Talley, Rev. Oliver Rice, Rev. Walter Wilson and Rev. Everett Brewer officiating. Burial was in the Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Darwin Vaughn, Derrick Vaughn, Dwayne Vaughn, Mat-

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

• MILE STONES •

**Ziebarth graduates**

Jessica Tyler Ziebarth graduated with honors from Mount Ida College, Newton MA on May 15, 2009, earning her Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. Currently pursuing NCIDQ certification and licensure, and USGBC accreditation as a LEED AP and possibly seeking her Master's in Interior Design, she plans to work in the commercial interiors or yacht design industries. A 2005 Highlands High School graduate, Jessica is the daughter of John and Cheryl Ziebarth of Highlands, NC and Sarasota, FL.



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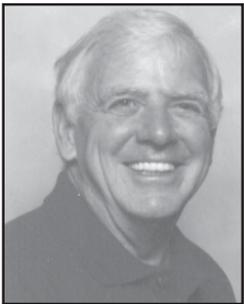
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

**Red Hot Debbie**



**Fred Wooldridge**

**R**ed Hot Debbie says: "Good morning, Freddy Baby. Didn't we have a good time last night? I hope you slept well. I certainly did. Now I'm re-energized, ready and willing to obey your every command. I'll take you wherever you want to go. Oh, Freddy Baby, you know which button turns me on. Tell me your desires and I'll be there for you. I'm all yours, Freddy Baby."

Freddy Baby says: "Good morning, Red Hot Debbie. Yes, it was a wonderful evening and thank you for showing me the right moves to make at just the right time. You are sooooo hot and know your way around better than any gal I know, including the li'l missus."

Wait, don't pick up the phone in disgust and call my wife. She's already read this. Don't call my priest and ask him to excommunicate me and don't call my editor and demand I be fired....again.

Red Hot Debbie is the soundtrack on my new Global Positioning System (GPS.) It's the latest in technology. You simply purchase the GPS and then choose the personalized soundtrack of your choice. I picked Red Hot Debbie because, even if I goof up and don't obey her commands, she's compassionate and gentle with me. She shows me the way. I programmed her to call me Freddy Baby. It has a nice ring to it, don't ya think?

Here's an example of Red Hot Debbie at her best. Two days ago I was heading into downtown Atlanta on Interstate I-85. (Don't ask why I would do such a stupid thing.) I got stuck in the wrong lane and missed my exit. Red Hot Debbie was there for me. After warning me twice in the gentlest, softest voice, telling me I was in the wrong lane, she didn't become exasperated as I drove past my exit. Instead, she said in a seductive tone, "Oh, Freddie Baby, I see you've missed your exit. I'm sure you had a good reason for doing that. It's okay....I still love you. I'm always here for you, no matter what. You can get off at the next exit and I'll guide you to your destination. Just stay calm. You are such a wonderful driver."

But Red Hot Debbie is only one of many soundtracks to choose from. Check out some others. There's the

"Jewish Mother" soundtrack that starts by saying, "Hello, my sweet bubeleh. Are you wearing your sweater, ketsela? I hope you're coming by the house to visit your dear mother on your way to work? If not, I'll muddle through the day without you, even though I'm not feeling well. Oy!"

Even better, you can choose "The Redneck" soundtrack that starts with, "Hey Bubba, did ja pack the beer? And remember

our agreement. No breakin' wind while I'm turned on. I'm a takin' you on a different route to work than yesterday. That dad gum road I picked jarred my electronics so hard I thought you was driving drunk again. And remember, next time turn me off before gettin' in the squad car 'cause I know you ain't comin' back for a while. Now let's get a goin'. Do I take you straight to work, or do ya wanna drop by Mustang Sally's for some sugar?"

The Redneck soundtrack also comes with a special button that sprays body odor around the truck

For those who might be masochistic, there's the "Rude Gertrude" soundtrack that starts each morning with "Why do you keep bothering me, you dumb, bone headed bozo? Just once, can't you find your way to the grocery store without me? Are you getting senile, or what? Let me hear you say DUH and really mean it! Now tell me where you want to go and be quick about it or I'll purposely send you in the wrong direction. Don't just sit there, dork head, open your mouth and make words."

"Rude Gertrude" is selling well because husbands, after listening to Gertrude for a few hours, find driving with their wives less offensive. Kinda like when you stop hitting your thumb with a hammer. It feels so good.

Don't even ask what "Rude Gertrude" says if you miss your turn. It starts with....well, my editor blocked it out. Anyway, it ends with "I'm shutting down. Find your own #%@&\* & way home, you stupid low life sorry excuse for a human being."

Finally, there's the soundtrack for blonds. It's purposely blank because the manufacturer knows a blond will never figure out how to turn the GPS on.

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## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### The bottom line of hospice care

Those who find it troubling that medicine has become big business will be terrified to learn that for-profit companies are now deeply involved in hospice care. There is money to be made in hospice care if it's done right.

Unfortunately, doing it right all too often involves gutting the basic assumptions of hospice care. Cost-cutting can be as simple as the corporate decision to refrain from purchasing pull-up diapers because these cost a quarter more per unit than conventional diapers.

The unfortunate side effect, which does not appear on the bottom line, is that the dying patient is subjected to being diapered by family or other care givers, an activity appropriate for infants, but demean-

ing to the elderly.

It is the philosophy of hospice to provide emotional, spiritual, and medical care to the dying and their families. Care is provided by hospice employees, volunteers, and family members. The physician medical director may be joined by the patient's personal physician in medical decisions. Hospice is appropriate when a person recognizes that cure of his ailment is no longer possible, abandons attempts to conquer his disease, and decides instead to enjoy his remaining days as much as possible.

Treatment is directed at comfort. Medi-



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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cines are provided to relieve pain. Nurses, doctors, social workers, aides, and volunteers prepare the patient for his journey into the unknown, and accompany him to the very threshold of that journey.

The hospice benefit was added to Medicare in 1982. Private companies have learned in growing numbers that there is profit in dying. Patient selection is important in maximizing profit.

Two physicians must certify that a patient has a terminal illness and is expected to live less than six months for a person to qualify for the

hospice benefit. One physician must be the hospice medical director.

If the patient is still alive after six months, only the medical director of the hospice need reaffirm the terminal status of the patient. Many for-profit hospices cherry pick candidates who have longer life expectancies and less costly illnesses to enroll. They shun cancer victims in terminal stages and select Alzheimer patients with longer life expectancy who require fewer staff visits and less pain medicine. Medicare pays a provided \$135 per day per enrollee, regardless of the level of care required.

According to a recent editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine (June 25, 2009) 40% of dying Medicare recipients

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**July 17**  
• At 10:45 a.m., the dept. responded to an accident on US 64 east to direct traffic.

**July 18**  
• At 1:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of smoke in the Queen Mountain area. They advised the USFS.  
• At 12:22 p.m., the dept. responded to an accident at s. 4th Street and Satulah Road with two injuries. The victims were taken to the hospital.  
• At 11:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a resident on Dillard Road. The call was cancelled.

**July 19**  
• At 7:11, the dept. performed a rescue at Glen Falls. The victim was airlifted to Mission Hospital in Asheville.  
• At 11:58 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the Highlands

Mountain Club. The victim was taken to the hospital.

**July 20**  
• At 9:39 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm from a residence on Cotswald Way. The call was cancelled by the alarm company.

**July 21**  
• At 2:19 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Walkingstick Road. The victim wasn't taken to the hospital.

**July 22**  
• At 6:44 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hickory Hill Road. There was no transport

From the Dept:  
Robbie Forrester, of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., asks citizens to trim back their driveways, and foliage around their 911 numbers

and fire hydrants.  
Also, don't miss the department's annual Open House, Saturday, Aug. 8 from 11-3. There will be free hot dog plates and rides on the fire truck.

The following are the Macon County Sheriff log entries from July 9:

**July 9**  
• At 10:30 a.m., deputies were called to a residence on Cotswald Way concerning a breaking and entering with larceny of a dozen household furnishings and accessories. The case is under investigation.

**July 15**  
• At 9:54 p.m., deputies responded to an alarm activation at a residence on Laurel Br. It was false.

# HIGHLANDS ART GALLERIES

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

**Big government**

Last week Goldman Sachs announced that it had earned \$3.44 billion in the second quarter of this year, one month after paying back \$10 billion in federal bailout money. At the same time the company announced that this meant it would be paying its employees an average of \$300,000 for the work they have done in the last six months.



**Katie Brugger**  
k-brugger@hotmail.com

I found myself wondering: what have these people done to deserve that kind of money? And how exactly have we gotten to this place so quickly after the dire warnings of last fall that the economy was about to completely collapse; that we were going to see another Great Depression if we didn't funnel a whole lot of taxpayer dollars into the banks — and quick. How could they go from complete collapse to this kind of profitability in this short a time-span?

The articles in the *New York Times* about Goldman Sachs' profits (and those of JPMorgan and Bank of America announced a few days later) called them "handsome" and "glittering." The writers were fawning in their admiration of the "brilliance" of these giants of Wall Street. I could hardly believe my eyes — this is the sort of blind worship of the financial "geniuses" that got us into this mess. Hasn't anyone learned their lesson?

Democrats in Congress have proposed a new regulatory agency, a Financial Products Safety Commission, modeled after the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The FPSC would have the power to "ban abusive, fraudulent, unfair, deceptive, predatory, anticompetitive, or otherwise anti-consumer practices, products, or product features."

One of the reasons the banks have been paying back the federal money so fast is because they hate the prospect of new regulation, and they think if they don't owe the government any money there will be less leverage to force change.

You can believe that the banks will pull out all the stops to fight this Commission. One of their big arguments is that it will stifle innovation in the financial world. From what we have seen lately of innovation in the financial world—from sub-prime mortgages to credit-default swaps — we could do with a lot less of it.

Business has always fought regulation, but how much safer are we today because the FDA inspects our food and drugs? How many lives have been saved because the automobile industry was forced by the pioneering activism of Ralph Nader to implement basic safety features like seat belts

and air bags?

Recently I read a book called "When Corporations Rule the World," in which the author, David Korten, suggests that big business brings big government into existence because the actions of big business create the need for regulations.

Adam Smith, the philosopher who first enunciated the principles in capital-

ism in "The Wealth of Nations," envisioned small local firms as the sphere in which free markets worked, and the "invisible hand" regulated business behavior.

For example, in Highlands, if someone cheats they are not going to stay in business for long, because everyone will eventually know not to do business with them.

But when businesses become large and divorced from a locale, it becomes possible to cheat and get away with it (at least for a time). Think of that peanut company in Georgia selling contaminated peanut products all over the country. Or the tobacco companies caught manipulating the nicotine content in cigarettes. Or the Ford Motor Company knowing a five-cent bolt would keep their Pinto automobile from exploding in rear collisions but not installing it.

Or Goldman Sachs touting the securities fashioned from subprime mortgages to the public, while at the same time betting against them — in finance-speak "shorting them." As Paul Krugman wrote last week in "The Joy of Sachs": "All of this was perfectly legal, but the net effect was that Goldman made profits by playing the rest of us for suckers."

As companies get larger and less personal, they are more likely to cut corners. The executives are less connected to any community — they don't care about the land or the people because they live somewhere else. What does a Wal-Mart executive in Bentonville Arkansas care that his or her purchasing decisions create air pollution or sweatshop conditions in China?

But finally the pollution or the mistreatment of workers or the unsafe products or the economic crashes get severe enough that something has to be done — and government steps in to solve the problem.

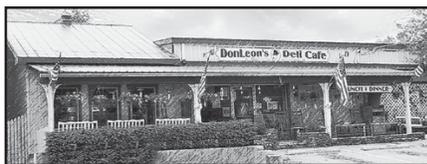
Ironic isn't it. Most businesspeople hate big government yet it's their actions that call it into existence.

Alan Greenspan, former Federal Reserve chairman, cheerleader of the free

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This has been quite a week in the Swanson household. Two memorial celebrations, ongoing visits from our South Florida based sons and the general mayhem that goes on around here. In sifting through the news from beyond our little corner of the world, looking for ideas for this column, I was struck by the monumental importance of what is going on in our country.

We are all aware, at least in a superficial way, about cap and trade (American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009) and the disaster that portends; the effort to reform "health care" which thankfully seems to be floundering, due to some legislators actually trying to understand the consequences of which they are conjuring up; the undercurrents of "financial industry reform" and the crud and corruption involved there. Noises about the dollar being replaced by an inter-national currency. Ah, Carrumba, it's enough to make your head swim.

Hoping for clarity, I paid my daily visit to the Drudge Report and was met a picture of our esteemed VP Biden, looking dazed and confused, accompanying the following headline: "We have to spend money to keep from going bankrupt."

My curiosity having been piqued, I clicked on the link and found the following. Biden was speaking at an AARP gathering in Alexandria, VA. An excerpt from a write-up by CNSNews.com that I found particularly interesting: "Biden told the group that the Obama health plan will not eliminate people's ability to choose their health care insurance and that people who cannot afford insurance will be covered by the plan. 'They'll be a deal in there so there's competition, so what you'll have in there is the ability to go in there and say "Now look, this is the policy I want. This is the one,"' Biden said. 'And those people who can't afford to get in there, up to a certain income, we're going to subsidize them, you get in there and we'll help you pay for it,' Biden said." WHAT?

I'm not interested in the meaning of his words because they're vapid and vacant, but rather, his words themselves. If you aren't wobbly about the aforementioned problems, consider the fact that this oratorically challenged person, as the cliché goes, is a heartbeat away from the Presidency.

We have learned to expect the vocal foibles of our VP, but his lunacy appears to be contagious and affect others in the administration. In a recent speech in Richmond, VA, Biden opined, "And to

those of you who say our economic decisions haven't saved jobs, it simply hasn't worked, I say, 'Look around you, don't let your opposition to the recovery act blind you to the results.'" I'm

looking, Joe, and the results say "it ain't working."

Very shortly thereafter, in an apparent effort to support Biden's incredulous claim, a heretofore intelligent economist and current Obama top economic advisor, Larry Summers, got

into the act.

According to the Watching the Watchers website, "Summers stated that one sign that consumer confidence is higher than in recent months is that the numbers of people searching for the term 'economic depression' on Google is down to 'normal levels.'

Summers defended his statement by citing that during the earlier part of the year, searches for 'economic depression' were up four-fold compared to search totals of the term today. Therefore, Summers makes the 'logical assumption' that a reduction in internet searches for a definition of a catastrophic level of economic destruction somehow equates to rising consumer confidence."

This is serious. It comes as no surprise than Biden misses the mark since he is unaware that there is a mark, but Summers is a different story. Summers went to M.I.T. and was the President of Harvard University. He's one of the most powerful economic minds in the world, and he's citing Google searches as signs of economic confidence? Remember when Reagan was accused of believing in voodoo economics (which, incidentally resulted in the greatest economic boom in history)? If that was voodoo, does that make Summers' theory doo-doo economics?

All kidding aside, we continue to see the disdain that the administration holds for the intellect of the American people. The mindset seems to be, Say it and they'll believe it.

The current prime example of that is the healthcare plan being formulated. They started out with the idea that tens of millions of currently uninsured people can be covered, and it will ultimately save us money with no downside to quality of care. Even then some of the mindless members of Congress saw the fallacy in the propaganda and fear that their constituencies are catching on.

Hopefully the rush to legislate will be slowed down to the point that wisdom may prevail.

## • HIS & HERS •

### A map-based answer to the Palin question

by John Armor

I wrote this column a week ago, and posted it on the Internet without sending it to my usual publishers. Since then, almost a dozen people who live in Alaska and regularly travel to the Lower 48, or the reverse, live in the Lower 48 and travel to Alaska, have responded to my column. Every one of those commentators have agreed with my point about the geographic facts – which almost all of the national, media pundits have missed in their hot-air speculations about the reasons for Governor Palin's resignation. It used to be that I would remind members of the press of their first duty — get the facts straight, before they go out dancing on spider webs of political speculation. But there is so much failure in this area today that it's useless to point it out.

There are two aspects of Governor Palin's decision to resign now, which have not been competently discussed, or discussed at all, in the main stream media. One is based on the map, the other is based in American political history.

Regarding the map: I have two, immediate sources to know how long it takes, with what sort of wearing down from the journey itself, to travel to and from Alaska. One is my cousin who is a leading labor lawyer, and who went from Atlanta to Alaska frequently when the Alaska Pipeline was under construction.

The other is my son-in-law's brother who is serving as the Agent In Charge for the FBI in Alaska. His trips home are often to North Carolina. The bottom line is this. In going to Alaska, or coming from that state to the Lower 48 for any purpose, two days are lost in travel for each trip, and there is recovery time to be sharp and on your toes in addition.

Throw in the fact that at least two of the phony, and dismissed, ethics charges made against Governor Palin were based on the fact that she was "out of the state" in order to appear or speak at events in the Lower 48. It is well known that Governors and Senators, who habitually run for President, are often absent from their states and their constituents (unless they come from Iowa or New Hampshire to begin with).



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The travel restraints are far worse for Alaskans and Hawaiians than residents of any other states. The result is that no one can function in a full time government position in Alaska or Hawaii, while playing a significant, permanent role in politics in the rest of the nation.

The political history aspect refers to Richard Nixon and Hubert

Humphrey. Both built their national base which gave them their respective party nominations for President by traveling the US for years on the rubber chicken circuit. They supported and raised money for hundreds of state and local candidates.

They had good results doing that, much better than similar efforts by Bill Clinton, to choose a name not entirely at random.

Bottom line: I think Sarah Palin is planning a similar, grassroots effort to those of Nixon and Humphrey. I think she knows that she needs to show immediate results in the 2010 elections for the House and Senate, with candidates she supports usually winning. She has to start now, rather than just wait to run for President or Vice President in 2012.

I think she recognized that it was impossible for her to be a Governor, a mother and a wife, and an active speaker in the Lower 48, all at once. So, she left the least important of those three tasks in the hands of her selected Lt. Governor.

The proof of what I posit will come on 12 September, 2009, if Palin is the most important speaker at the Tea Party Rally on the Mall in Washington. My analysis is correct, if she begins her speech then and there with words like these: "My fellow Americans, I come before you today not as a Republican, not as a Democrat, but as an American who is deeply, deeply concerned about the wrong directions this nation is taking because of failures by politicians in both of those ancient political parties...."

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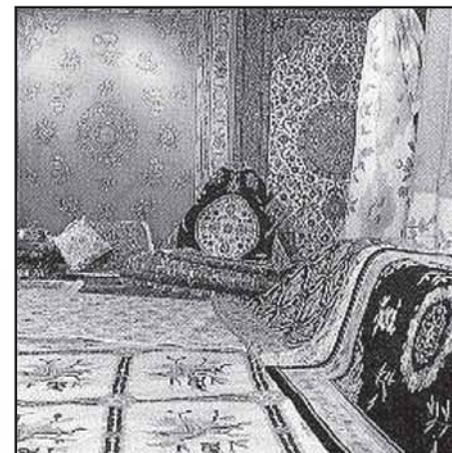
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ment sector to address what has become a private, public and community problem – the lack of childcare in Macon County.

She used the same figures to show how subsidized housing or less expensive housing may be needed to foster economic development.

According to a 2005-2007 American Community Survey, in Macon County there are 3,478 rental units, 5,898 owned units with mortgages, 5,295 owned units without mortgages, 8,170 vacant units for a total of 22,841 housing units available in the county.

Those figures include the county's 96 low income housing units, and its 70 subsidized housing units.

Obviously there is an income-housing connection.

"Housing is affordable when a family spends 30% of its income on housing costs including rent/mortgage and utilities.

For 2009, HUD's median family income is \$48,200 with a monthly income of \$4,016 so 30% of that is \$1,205.

For renters, HUD's median gross rent is a \$625 which requires a monthly income of \$2,083 and an annual income of \$25,000.

For mortgagors, HUD's median mortgage is \$915 which requires \$3,050 in monthly income and an annual income of \$36,000.

In Macon County, of the 3,478 renters, 102 pay less than \$200, 55 pay between \$200 and \$299, 461 pay between \$300 and \$499,

1,491 pay between \$500 and \$749, 602 pay between \$750 and \$999, 146 pay between \$1,000 and \$1,499, 18 pay \$1,500 or more and 603 don't pay rent.

Of the 5,898 people who pay mortgages in the county, 111 pay less than \$300, 298 pay between \$300 and \$499, 1,149 pay between \$500 and \$699, 1,824 pay between \$700 and \$999, 1,414 pay between \$1,000 and \$1,499, 634 pay between \$1,500 and \$1,999 and 468 pay \$2,000 or more.

She said 27% or 1,020 renters in Macon County are at risk because they spend more than 30% of their household income on rent and 2,215 or 36% of mortgage holders are at risk because they spend more than 30% on house payments.

Carter said the ability to afford to live comfortably in an area impacts economic development.

"You need affordable childcare and affordable housing for business growth," she said. "This is important because business growth equals a greater tax base which equals community improvement."

To attract businesses and make the county conducive for economic development, affordable and available childcare and affordable housing must become a reality in Macon County.

Next week a snapshot view of Macon County job and wage growth from 2000-2007.

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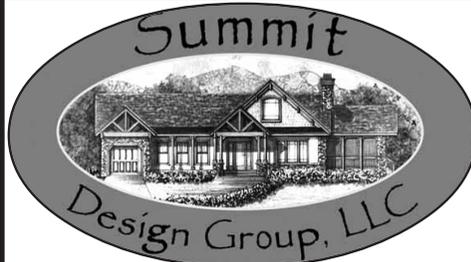
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opted for hospice care in 2006. Federal expenditures for hospice care soared from 2.9 billion in 2000 to about 10 billion in 2007. Spending is expected to double in the next decade. With so much money available, it is not surprising that there are those wanting a piece of it.

I don't suppose there is anything inherently wrong with making a profit caring for the dying. If a company is able to offer comparable or superior care, and make money in the process, I guess they should be welcomed and applauded.

If, however, they shun patients whose

care is more costly and whose deaths are imminent in favor of those who provide a longer revenue stream at less cost; if they cut costs at the expense of patient comfort, patient dignity, and patient care; if they allow the cost of palliative care to dictate decisions on the delivery of that care; if they fail to provide emotional support and grief counseling; if in short, they ignore the core values of hospice while marketing themselves as providers of hospice care, then there is something very wrong. And it happens every day.

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1. Florida --The Gators have it all for 2009- a defense that returns all 11 starters from the team that stifled Oklahoma in the National Title game, a deep stable of backs that feature power and speed, the best special teams in the nation (Brandon James will be a NFL star as a kick returner) and oh yeah...some guy named Tebow. Florida's biggest challenge for 2009 will be battling complacency and avoiding the trap of a letdown that has affected the consensus #1 team in years past. Look for Tim Tebow and Brandon Spikes to be the emotional leaders of this team, but ultimately leadership comes from the head coach, and Urban Meyer is the best in the business.

2. Texas — The Longhorns also return their star quarterback as well as the majority of a defense that led the country in sacks last season. Colt McCoy will likely have another stellar year for Mack Brown's crew, but at least one of the Longhorns young

running backs will have to step up and take some of the pressure off of McCoy to provide a steady rushing attack for the bunch from Austin.

3. Oklahoma — Just a spot behind their Red River rival are the Oklahoma Sooners, who will have Heisman trophy winner Sam Bradford under center (or in the shotgun) and the deep-

est defensive line in the nation to terrorize opposing quarterbacks. The biggest issue for the Sooners will be replacing four offensive lineman from last years National runner-up. Bradford could struggle early with less time to throw and more zone coverage due to the inexperience of his offensive line.

4. USC — Southern California just keeps on reloading with talent, signing the #1 class in the nation. The offense also should continue to be dominant, with no major losses save for quarterback Mark Sanchez, who will be replaced by the SEC transfer from Arkansas Mitch Mustain. The sticking point for USC will be on the defensive side of the ball, where they lost 9 seniors and will be young at almost every position. A fairly weak Pac-10 should provide USC with an easy path to the Rose Bowl, although Oregon State has a chance to surprise the Trojans yet again.

5. LSU — The Tigers will once again be loaded with speed and talent on the defensive side of the ball, and they are four deep at the running back position with plenty of athleticism. Offensively, the issue lies not with the talent at the skill positions or on the line, but at quarterback, where inexperienced sophomore Jordan Jefferson will attempt to give LSU some stability at the position.

Other teams to watch

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Alabama — The loss of John Parker Wilson is big, but DL behemoth Terrence Cody returns as does unstoppable WR Julio Jones

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**The week in review**

Last week the Town of Highlands received some good news from Raleigh regarding the second round of federal stimulus money. We were awarded over a half million dollars for Stormwater work in the Fifth and Pine Street areas.

With the help of the McGill Engineering firm we were able to put together two grant requests, one for the federal stimulus money and another from FEMA. If the money from the FEMA also comes through, we will be able to obtain bids to take care of the storm water problems we have in the Pine Street area so that we can proceed with completion of the plans for the Kelsey Hutchinson Park. This does not mean the closure of Pine Street permanently. Let me repeat that so everyone will understand. Pine Street will stay open and the Park will proceed as planned with the street remaining open.

We are quite pleased to obtain the first half of the money required for this stormwater work which must be done and feel confident that the remaining funds will also be awarded so we can proceed with the park. This brings us to a total of three and a half million dollars we have obtained in the last six months for work on our infrastructure and we are expecting more in the near future.

At the last Town Board meeting last week the Board of Commissioners was quite busy with the business of the town. One of the key issues concerning us at the present time is the passage of a flood plain ordinance which is now required by FEMA since the new Flood Hazard Map for Highlands was released in May for the first time. Although FEMA gave us a year grace period to achieve this ordinance, the banks and mortgage companies will not accept this and require all new mortgages to obtain private flood insurance which is prohibitively expensive.



Mayor Don Mullen

Thus, we scheduled a special session this past Monday with both the Town Board and the Planning Board to hear from the FEMA representative what is required so that we can move as fast as the law allows to pass the new ordinance. This can be done by the second week in August because public hearings will be necessary before ordinance can be passed.

The miscommunication between FEMA and the lending institutions has caused a great inconvenience and burden on those wishing to obtain new mortgages. In these difficult economic times we do not need that. Soon we can have this problem straightened out and normal times will return.

We also accepted the bid from Stillwell Enterprises for just over 2.1 million dollars for the Mirror Lake Sewer project. We were quite pleased with this bid because we had estimated a cost of over three and a half million dollars for this project. This project will be paid for by the first round of federal stimulus money coming through NC DENR which we were awarded several months ago. As I said before, we are making every attempt to get most of the town sewer with in the next five or six years.

The Harris Lake Sewer project is 90% completed now. Soon the streets will be re-paved and those folk can get back to normal again. We appreciate the patience of the people in that area as they have put up with quite a bit of inconvenience. But it will be worth it for all concerned.

After two years of being closed, believe it or not, the Dry Falls area will soon be opened. A project which has taken the contractor over two years to complete will greatly improve the area for tourist so we invite all to come and see these improvements in August.

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... **ORDINANCE from 1**

area. However, adding Freeboard to the ordinance is voluntary.

NFIP and FEMA suggest a two-foot Freeboard for extra safety reasons but also because insurance costs decrease the higher a building is above the BFE. One foot above the BFE reduces insurance by 40%; two feet above BFE reduces it by 68%. However, even if Freeboard isn't in the ordinance, property owners can still opt to build higher to get that reduction in insurance costs.

But Monday night, the vote to keep the Freeboard elevation at zero — that is not to add Freeboard to the BFE — passed unani-

mously. Unless the Town Board decides otherwise, since it has the final word on Planning Board recommendations, homeowners, builders and developers in flood prone areas only have to adhere to the BFE as set by NFIP.

After the Peek's Creek disaster and other like episodes all over Western North Carolina — events that were caused by two back-to-back hurricanes Ivan and Frances — FEMA realized that its flood plain maps needed to be updated because communities had been building and growing as per a 22-year-old flood plain map.

According to the new map, that was released May 2009, Highlands now has several areas that come under the 100-year and 500-

year flood zone with a one percent chance of being affected by a 100-year flood each year.

The map was created by NFIP by satellite and though considered very accurate can be disputed by property owners.

Randy Mundt, with NFIP, said the process is very costly and time-consuming. "You must first submit a Letter of Map Amendment" and then demonstrate with a signed and sealed hydrological survey that the land in question is above the Base Flood Elevation as determined by NFIP.

Basically, the ordinance restricts or prohibits uses in the waterways that result in increases in erosion, flood heights or velocities; requires that uses vulnerable to floods, including their facilities, be protected against flood damage; control the alteration of natu-

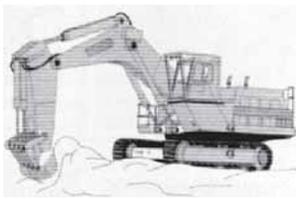
ral floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which accommodate floodwaters; control filling, grading, dredging and all other development that may increase erosion or flood damage; and prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers that will unnaturally divert flood waters which may increase flood hazards to other property.

At Monday's joint meeting between the Town Board and Planning Board, the Town Board set a public hearing for the ordinance as required by law for Aug. 12 after which the board intends to pass an ordinance. The ordinance can be amended later, but meanwhile it will be on the books which means homeowners can get insurance through FEMA.

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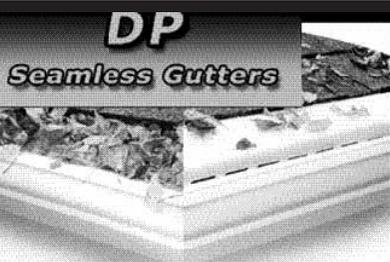
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project includes the installation of an innovative stormwater treatment hydrodynamic separator and an innovative underground stormwater detention system to treat stormwater before it discharges to Mill Creek, which is on the state's 303d list of impaired streams. According to state officials, the project qualified as a "Green" project which weighed heavy in their decision to award the grant to the Town of Highlands.

The Mirror Lake Sewer Project will extend sewer service to 140 residences on Mirror Lake Road, Hicks Road, Billy Cabin, East Wingina, Wingina, Perquin, Wyanaok, Hickory Hill, Chowan and Nesti Place. The project includes 10,150 lineal feet of 8-inch ductile iron gravity lines along with a sewage pump station. The Town Board on July 15 awarded the construction contract to Stilwell Enterprises of Sylva for \$2,171,776 which was well below the engineer's estimate of \$3.1 million. Fatland said no additional local funds will be necessary to fund this project.

Fatland said he was recently asked the importance of grants and the savings impact to local taxpayers. "For example, financing \$3 million at 4.5% over 20 years would cost approximately \$225,000 per year. Compared with the repayment of the \$1.5 million interest free loan would be \$75,000 per year,

the annual savings would be \$150,000 per year for 20 years. Using the same analysis for the stormwater grant, the savings would be \$25,000 per year for 20 years.

### Update on other grants:

The state granted and then recalled the \$180,000 grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for innovative stormwater improvements to Kelsey-Hutchinson Park. The request will be reconsidered in 2010.

The Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant of \$335,000 for culvert removal and upgrades to Laurel and Fifth streets and stream bank stabilization and enhancement is on hold pending CWMTF receiving its funds.

Grant applications from the NCDENR-Water Supply for \$200,000 to buy emergency

generators for the water pump station, \$770,000 to buy radio read meters for the town's water system and the \$205,000 to upgrade the Big Bear Pen water line have all been submitted and will likely be decided during the second round of funding.

The grant application from NCDENR-Water Supply to dredge the Big Creek Arm of Lake Sequoyah for \$2 million was rejected but the town also applied to the Army Corps of Engineers for funding for the same project. Permitting process is underway and awaiting a decision from the Army Corps.

The Construction Grant from NCDENR of \$3 million for the Lake Sequoyah Sewer Line was rejected because NCDENR won't consider a grant award to the same agency. It did grant the \$3 million award for the Mirror Lake Sewer Line.

The USDA grant to fund the renovation of the ABC Store for the Police Department is still in the discussion stage by the town pending design specs.

The town is waiting for a decision from the NC Governor's Hwy Safety Program to finance a speed trailer for \$8,160.

The NC Governor's Crime Commission awarded the town \$5,190 for finger print equipment and supplies but denied the request for \$18,950 to fund the Ruvis Krimsite Imager.

And finally, the town is working with the county for a \$25,000 grant from the NC Solid Waste Dept. to fund a drop-off recycling program.

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market, and fervent believer in the faith that the market could regulate itself, sadly testified last fall that the collapse of the economy showed that the market couldn't regulate itself after all.

Fareed Zakaria, the international editor of Newsweek, had an article entitled "The Capitalist Manifesto" in the June 22, 2009 issue of the magazine. Among other things, he blames a decline in business ethics for the problems besetting capitalism today. "One of the great shifts taking place in American society has been away from the old guild system of self-regulation. Once upon a time, law, medicine, and accounting viewed themselves as private-sector participants with public responsibilities... Ever since the 1930s, accountants have been given a unique trust." He quotes the testimony of an accountant before Congress in 1933, "Who audits us? Our consciences." Zakaria continues, "But by 2002 *The Wall Street Journal* was describing a different world, in which accountants had gone from 'watchdogs to lapdogs.' Telling clients whatever they wanted to hear."

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# Local Rider to compete in X Games

By Ryan Potts

Local businessman and motorcycle racer Jason Woods has been through quite a few obstacles in his 32 years, but next Friday at the 2009 X games, he will get a chance to jump over some.

Last month Woods qualified for the televised competition by finishing third in the Extremity Games in Michigan and winning a chance to compete live on ESPN in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Summer X Games. The X Games are a series of contests devoted to extreme sports such as motorcycle racing, kayaking, etc. and this year will take place in Los Angeles, California. Woods will leave this Sunday for California, where he will compete in a trial run on Thursday before racing live on ESPN at 8:30 PM eastern time.

Woods is a longtime Highlands resident who, along with his wife Kelly, owns Centerline Auto Parts and Highlands Auto Detailing. Local residents may remember Woods from his battle with sepsis disorder, which caused him extreme health problems and ultimately the loss of his toes and some of his fingers. Despite organ failure and two heart attacks that caused him to flatline for 20 seconds, as well as numerous other health issues, Woods never lost his will to compete, and has raced motorcycles for the last nine years throughout the south.

Woods believes that his ordeal has given him the motivation to succeed, and his faith in Christ has provided him inspiration throughout the years. "I never tried to get down about it," said Woods of his battle with sepsis. "I just tried to keep plugging along and make the most of things."

Woods now uses his story and his

success in motorcycle competitions to share his faith. Woods always gives a devotional for youth after each race, and is often asked to lead the riders and crowd in a prayer before each competition. "I've always looked to the Lord for strength," said Woods, "the Bible says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phillipians 4:13) and that's been sort of my motto throughout the years."

Woods has been active throughout the south both as a motorcycle racer and as a spokesperson for those who have suffered limb loss, disabilities and other physical ailments. He made an appearance in the movie *Darius Goes West*, which is the story of a young boy with disabilities who travels cross country in an attempt to see the US and ultimately visit Los Angeles.

Woods was also offered a chance to be a "coach" for the MTV show *Made*, which is a documentary style program that gives youth the opportunity to experience one of their lifelong dreams with the help of an assistant. Due to scheduling conflicts with the X games, Woods was unable to make the show, but hopes to have another opportunity in the near future to participate in something similar.

When asked about his plans for the X Games, Woods is characteristically humble. "I'm just going to go out there and hope to ride the best race I can -- it's a great opportunity for me and I'm real excited."

As a proud Highlander, Woods is also happy for the opportunity to represent Highlands on national television. "This is my home," said Woods, "I opened my shop to try and help the folks here have a place to buy auto parts. I try to shop local and support the community because it's my home and my family and I love it here. I'm



also hoping to give a pre-race prayer like I do at the local events around here because I think it will be a great opportunity for me to share my faith."

The X Games will be broadcast live from Los Angeles next weekend on ESPN. Jason will race at approximately 8:30 p.m. eastern time, so tune in and watch as one of our own represents Highlands on national television.

Above and left, Woods is racing to qualify in the Extremity Games in Michigan. He placed third and won a chance to compete live on ESPN in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Summer X Games.

Woods will leave this Sunday for California, where he will compete in a trial run on Thursday before racing live on ESPN at 8:30 PM eastern time. Left, with his daughter, he offers up a prayer.



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The Town of Highlands scholarship was an integral part of my education and helped me tremendously in the process of getting my degree and beginning my career path.

Highlands has always been home to me, and it is an honor to get the chance to represent the community as an educator at Highlands School and provide an example for those who would like to do the same.

The Town of Highlands scholarship is a wonderful gift for those who want to continue their education, and I know all prior recipients, as well as future ones, appreciate the support of the community toward helping high school graduates reach their career goals. — Ryan Potts

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What I did gain by the loss of the technology for a day was a certain sense of security. If terrorists attacked, I wouldn't know it unless they blew up the local WalMart. Without TV I didn't need to know what Fox TV thought I was missing. Without the weather channel, I just went outside to see if there was weather that day. Without email or cell service, no one could call me and tell me that a catastrophe had occurred. I could tell myself that everyone was doing okay and nobody could contradict it.

Without technology, I was forced to read, to rest, to do things around the house. I sat on our front deck and I rediscovered that God was still in His heavens and all was really right with His world. I didn't need a remote to change His beauty. It was never still. A woodpecker played a staccato beat in a nearby pine tree. A cardinal competed with a squirrel for food in our \$19.95 squirrel-proof bird feeder from Lowe's which the squirrel learned to defeat in less than an hour. I watched a line of ants bring food into their hole with such order and precision that it would make a

modern auto plant look medieval. I heard a deer in our lower field tell all its friends that our blackberries were ripe. From the unobstructed view of distant mountains, I watched God paint a picture of unimaginable grandeur in colors a palate could never create.

I'm not a "technoclast." I like all the gadgets. They make life easier, though I do sometimes miss the solitude that was part of life before the world was accessible at the desktop. In that day of electronic isolation, my wife Susan and I started to read the Bible through in an organized manner once again. Sadly I confess I dropped by the wayside when the email dominated my life of church once again. Susan will finish.

In my 52 years in ministry, I have tried to teach congregations that no matter what happens in our lives, there is only one question to ask to maintain spiritual equilibrium, and it is this: "What did God want me to learn through this?" I'm not sure, but maybe, just maybe, He was trying to tell me to pray for a power failure once in a while and so discover He's still here. I would like to wish you the same.

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Faye Bellwood and Karen Muns, Auction Chairmen, said that the success of the auction can be largely attributed to the generous support of the Highlands businesses. It is with much appreciation that the Scaly Mountain Women's Club acknowledges the businesses who helped raise money for worthy charities - including scholarships for local students. A heartfelt thank you goes to the following businesses: Alyxandria, Ann Jacobs Gallery, Annawear, Bags on Main, Bear Mountain Outfitters, Brick Oven Pizza, Christmas Cottage, Christmas Tree on the Hill, Cospur Flowers, Custom House, Cut & Curl (Clayton), Cyprus Restaurant, Desire, Dry Sink, Dusty Rhodes Superette, Gates Nursery, Gold N' Clippers, Highlands Gem Shop, Highlands Office Supply, Highlands Wine & Cheese Shop, House of Wong, Jolie's of Highlands, Juliana's, Kilwins Chocolates, Lakeside Restaurant, Little Flower Shoppe, Locklear Mountain & Lake Interiors - Joy Eager, Log

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A big thank you goes to Bryan Snyder from Clayton for being our Auctioneer for the past five years. The Women's Club so appreciates the continued support of the Highlands Newspaper and the publicity so generously given for the auction. We could not give the Auction without the help of the wonderful folks in our extended community. Thanks!

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This picture was taken Tuesday, July 21. Visitors to Glen Falls consistently disregard the fencing and venture out on to the top of the falls. Photo by Jim Lewicki

at 7:39 p.m., they said she was wearing a bathing suit and according to witnesses had been sunbathing on the flat rock outcrop above the falls. They said her towel was still spread out on the rock above.

Witnesses said a friend tried to grab Holland as she slipped over and suffering abrasions to her arms.

Highlands Fire & Rescue member Robbie Forrester said she was sitting up and conscious when they got to her.

"She was bashed up pretty bad, but she was talking to us," he said.

After crews stabilized her, they carried her down the remainder of the falls and out to Blue Valley where she was airlifted by MAMA to Mission Hospital.

Holland sustained a broken jawbone and teeth, a collapsed lung, broken bones in her ankle, and back, and cuts on her head and in her groin area.

A notice posted on the bulletin board in the parking lot of Glen Falls first warns visitors not to venture out onto the falls. At the first and second tier of the 4-tiered falls there are retaining fences.

"But there are user trails around those fences which means people disregard them and walk out there anyway," said Mike Wilkins, Nantahala District Ranger.

With two near-death accidents at Glen Falls in month, he said the warning sign on the bulletin board will be enlarged and highlighted. In addition, the USFS is analyzing the area to determine if fencing is needed at the third and fourth tier, and if more signage is needed, where to put it.

"We want to make sure the visual message is clear – stay off and away from the falls," he said. "This may mean more signage at the tiers or on the trail along the falls as you descend and as you ascend, but we want to be careful not to detract from the falls."

He said the Nantahala Forest District encompasses 300 miles of trails and there isn't much money compared to the mid-90s which means every aspect concerning sig-

nage, fencing and even upkeep must be carefully analyzed.

"We just don't have funding sources for these things, but luckily we have several trail groups who work with us, and there are grants out there, so maybe we can work something out."

He said fencing would be the most expensive component and though a visual reminder, user trails around the existing fences at tier one and two indicate people consistently disregard the fences.

Highlands Fire & Rescue Chief James Manley said no matter what you do or say people are going to continue to do what they shouldn't when it comes to waterfalls and rivers.

"I told Holland she used up one of her lives. You better watch it," he said.

#### **Bust Your Butt Falls**

The recent death of Mike Grady, of Maitland, FL, who got trapped in a water-filled hole in the river above the Bust Your Butt Falls on U.S. 64 also has the USFS concerned.

"We are discussing signage there as well, to warn visitors not to venture out onto the river, but that's probably all we can do," he said.

He said suggestions to fill in the hole with hydro-cement or a boulder won't be possible.

"That would mean affecting the free flow of the river which would require an environmental analysis and impact study and public input." Funding would also be a problem.

Wilkins said there are lots of cascades and rivers throughout the district, some with trails and some without.

"The point is, the falls and places on the rivers have to be seen as obvious hazards by people and they need to stay off them. However, we are definitely considering more signage and warning postings."

#### **Dry Falls**

Wilkins also announced that Dry Falls is now open offering visitors a much-improved fee-free site with restrooms.

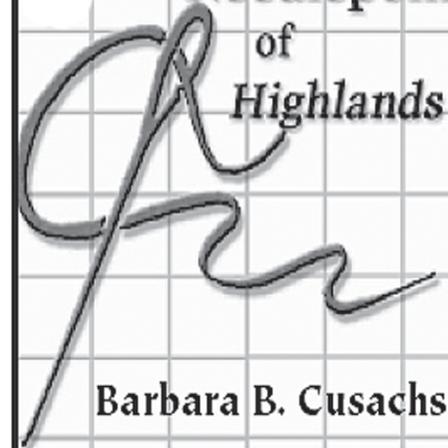
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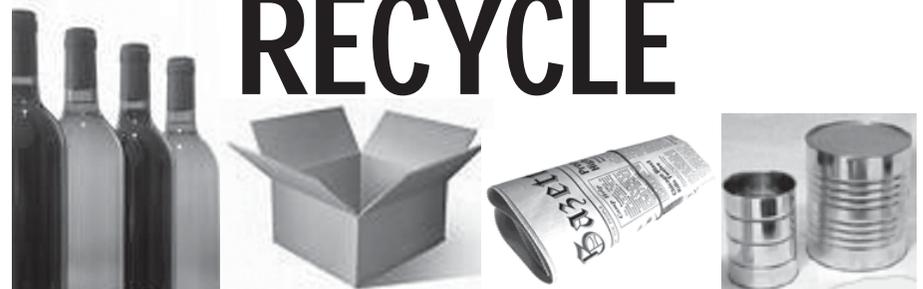
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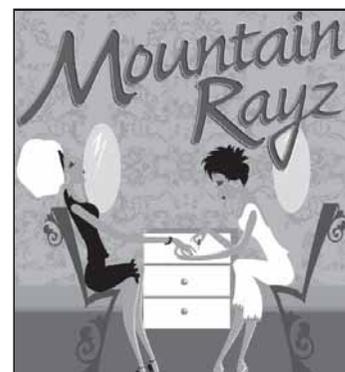
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### Week Long

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• Nantahala Tennis Club at the Rec Park, six days a week at 9 a.m. Public invited.

• RBC Bank Highlands (225 Franklin Rd) is selling raffle tickets to win a Weber table portable gas grill. Tickets are \$5 and raffle is limited to 100 tickets only. Get 'em while they last! Also selling American Cancer Society "Fight Like A Girl" shirts in their lobby at 225 Franklin Rd. Highlands. 100% of proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society.

• Registration is now open for the 2009 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered. Call 828-526-2623 or visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs).

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

### Sundays

• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church in the Wildwood 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information call Kay Ward at 743-5009.

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203.

• Hal Phillips on piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road during the Champagne Brunch 12-2pm.

### Mon., Wed., & Thurs.

• Yoga On The Mat. New location. The Episcopal Church of Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. MW @ 7:30 a.m.; Thurs. @ 10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128

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## Local merchant and artist gives to Highlands Playhouse



Dwight Bryant, of Bryant Art Glass, has generously donated his time, talent and craft to benefit the Highlands Playhouse. For those who do not know, Dwight creates handmade, one-of-a-kind, yet practical art glass. To Dwight Bryant, glass is not transparent. It is filled with color, light and beauty, especially after he gets through with it. And, if you have a piece of Dwight's artful yet functional glasswork, you undeniably agree. O

Dwight has quite a colorful collection of clients, including Mr. and Mrs. George Bush, Sr., Secretary of State and Mrs. Colin Powell, Ethel Kennedy, Senator and Mrs. Ted Kennedy are all proud owners of Dwight's labor of love. He says, "There are lots of wonderful people who own my glass."

In 2005, Dwight was commissioned by the Mint Museum in Charlotte to do some 1,750 pieces for a party honoring their patrons. Each person was given a piece of Bryant's art glass at the gala, which included a wide array of fine arts and crafts, and also included a collection from the White House.

Exclusively for the Highlands Playhouse, Dwight has created a piece of art glass that features the Playhouse logo. These plates can be used for any type of entertaining. They are decorative, functional and the profits go to a worthy non-profit organization. The plates will be on sale for the opening of *Pump Boys and Dinettes* on July 23 as well as in the Highlands Playhouse Box Office. The plates are \$20.00 each and *all* proceeds go to benefit the Playhouse. Please visit the Playhouse on 362 Oak Street in downtown Highlands to purchase your limited edition, Bryant Art Glass original.

To view and purchase other works by Mr. Bryant, visit his web page at [www.bryantartglass.com](http://www.bryantartglass.com), call his shop at 828-526-4095, or pay a visit to his shop location at 260 Franklin Road on the left before the Bascom Bridge. For inquiries, call the shop or email him at [BryantArtGlass@verizon.net](mailto:BryantArtGlass@verizon.net).

## A trio of talent coming up this weekend



Cecylia Arzewski



Robert Henry



Yinzi Kong

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival celebrates the weekend with the solo works of Bach and the undeniable playfulness of Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

On Friday, July 24th, it's "Bach for One," staged at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands. It'll also be performed at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 25th.

"Bach for One" showcases the magnificent solo works by Johann Sebastian Bach. Violist Yinzi Kong will perform "Suite in G Major, BWV 1007." Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532" will feature pianist Robert Henry. Violinist Cecylia Arzewski will perform "Sonata in C Major, BWV 1005."

Local audiences may know Ms. Kong best as the violist with Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival favorites The Vega String Quartet. She's also performed at the festival as a soloist. Ms. Kong has been an active performer on the international music stage for more than 20 years. As a solo violist, Ms. Kong has performed at numerous festivals including Aspen, Musicorda, La Jolla, Amelia Island and San Miguel. She has also enjoyed extensive collaborating experiences with world-class musicians including William Preucil, Eliot Fisk, Sarah Chang, Richard Stoltzman, Christopher O'Riley, and Charles Wadsworth.

Atlanta native Henry has enjoyed success in nearly every important piano competition in the world, including the Gold Medal in four International Piano Competitions in the 2001-02 season alone. He serves as Artist in Residence at Kennesaw State University and operates an exclusive private studio in Atlanta. As accompanist, he's toured with the Grammy-winning Atlanta Boys Choir under the direction of Fletcher Wolfe, and he's accompanied the master classes of Jerry Hadley, Frederica von Stade and Hakan Haggard. Henry will soon present his London debut in prestigious Wigmore Hall.

Ms. Arzewski has been Concertmas-

ter of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra since 1990. Prior to that she was a member of the Boston Symphony for 17 years.

Ms. Arzewski was an award-winner at the International Bach Competition in 1978. That year, she performed an unaccompanied Bach solo recital at Carnegie Hall. She's also appeared as a soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra and the Boston Pops.

"Pictures at an Exhibition" will be staged at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 26th, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. It'll also be performed at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library at 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 27th.

The program opens with "Images, Book I" by Claude Debussy, performed by pianist Robert Henry. It will be followed by Debussy's "Sonata for Cello and Piano in D Minor" by Mr. Henry and cellist Christopher Rex.

After Intermission, Mr. Henry will perform Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

Mr. Rex has served as Principal Cello of The Atlanta Symphony for the past 25 years. He's also the Artistic Director of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival and is a founding member of its board of directors.

HCCMF's Movies About Music series continues with the showing of "Unfaithfully Yours" at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28th, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. This Preston Sturges-directed screwball comedy centers on Rex Harrison as a world-famous symphony conductor who believes his wife is being unfaithful. Distressed by the news, he begins to ineptly plot her murder with hilarious results. Rest assured, love triumphs in the end.

HCCMF Artistic Director William Ransom is quick to point out that at no time during the 2009 concert season has any artist or staff member seriously contemplated murder.

For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit [www.hcmusicfestival.org](http://www.hcmusicfestival.org).

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### Mortgage burning set for Aug. 2



A facsimile of the mortgage on the Prince House will be burned at a celebration to be held at the Historic Village on Sunday, Aug. 2. In this picture Elaine Whitehurst, president of the Highlands Historical Society, joins Ned and Linda New in an effort to ignite paper in an historic manner, using a magnifying glass to focus the sun's rays; a decision was made not to use this method on August 2. Whitehurst expressed appreciation to the News for their \$10,000 challenge grant to pay off the mortgage, saying, "Many people had donated to the Historical Society through the years for this very purpose, and those of us who are active in the society have worked hard on fund-raising projects. But the News' offer to match gifts up to \$10,000 dollar-for-dollar was the push we needed to get the job done. We hope everybody in Highlands will come help us celebrate at the Historic Village next to the Rec Park on Sunday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m."

### Frankenthaler exhibitions continue at The Bascom



Talk continues to swirl about *Helen Frankenthaler and the Color Field Painters* (pictured above), at The Bascom through Aug. 15. The *Frankenthaler* exhibition, in the Main Gallery, features work by the color field painters, spawned from the mid-20th-century American Abstract Expressionists, who were highly influenced by European modernism. Large fields of color spread or stained onto canvas characterize the work. Don't miss your chance to see this exhibition in The Bascom's new facility. Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the cafe and shop are available also. The Bascom's new address is 323 Franklin Road, Highlands. For more information, visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org) or call (828) 526-4949. Photo by Reuben Cox

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**Mon., Wed., Fri.**

- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

**First Mondays**

- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

**Mondays**

- Closed AA meeting, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

**Tuesdays**

- Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

- Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

**Wednesdays**

- Highlands MountainTop Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

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

**Wednesdays & Fridays**

- Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

**Every 3rd Wednesday**

- Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

**Thursdays**

- Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).

- The Zahner Lecture Series at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. Subjects vary.

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

- Summer Reading Program at the Hudson Library for kids. Every Thursday at 10 a.m. through July 30. More info: 526-3031

**Every 2nd Thursday**

- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Appalachian South support group will meet once a month through the summer on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at 7p.m. at the Children's Home for Family Restoration, 827 Wiley Brown Rd. in Franklin. NAMI is a grassroots organization providing support, advocacy and education for individuals with mental illness and their families. Membership is not required to attend meetings. For more information contact: Ann Nandrea 828 369-7385, Mary Ann Widenhouse 828 524-1355, Carole Light 828 226-6213

**2nd & 4th Fridays**

- Community Drum Circle at the Highlands Rec Park, from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information call 421-0551.

**Fridays & Saturdays**

- At Fressers Eatery, Cy Timmons live from 6 p.m.

- Hal Phillips on piano from 7-9:30pm at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.

**Fridays & Sundays**

- Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts every Friday at 6 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays at PAC in Highlands through Aug. 9. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit [www.hcmusicfestival.org](http://www.hcmusicfestival.org).

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**Saturdays**

- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

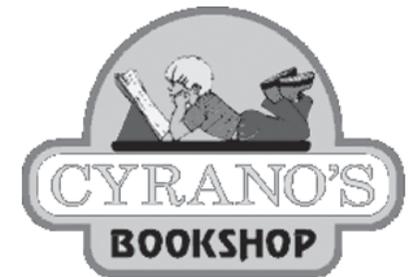
- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. \$19 per person.

- NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365.

**Saturdays & Mondays**

- Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts at 5 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-

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**3 to 5 pm****Aug. 22****Tom Moore Craig***Up Country South Carolina**Goes to War***1 to 3 pm****Sept. 5****Pat Conroy***South of Broad*

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### What is electronic music all about?

#### Dr. Fred De Sena

The term "electronic music" conjures up images of mad scientists turning dials and producing swarms of "bleeps" and "bloops," but, most of the music we listen to can actually be called electronic music. That's right, most of it. Consider that the great majority of music scored for TV show, commercials, movies and popular music is the result of electronic production and you will see it's true. In fact only the live performance of classical music occurs without electronic production, recording, or enhancement (and even that is sometimes fudged with surreptitious sound reinforcement).

It is true that there is a genre of music, practiced mostly by professors and researchers at electronic music institutes that can be esoteric and daunting to the average listener. I consider, however, that this is kind of the R & D department of the electronic music world. It's where new ideas are researched and new techniques for making music using computer technology are developed. Newer generations of music listeners know electronic music as "electronica" and other dance genres.

All this dance music, soundtracks to films and TV shows, and almost all commercials (including much that sounds like it's played by acoustic instruments), are wholly electronically played and produced. This is the result of widespread availability of digital audio hardware and software and it has become so prevalent because it is the most economical way to make music. One or two people, working in a small studio, can put together any kind of music you desire, and make it sound good.

So electronic music, in the broadest possible sense, is really the music of our time. From my perspective, electronic music is not a genre or genres, but rather an instrumental description; it is simply music produced by electronic means. As a musician and a composer I am concerned with the same issues of harmony, melody, and rhythm, whether I write for acoustic or electronic instruments, or for a combination of the two.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of all this is the evolving definition of the instrument, and by instrument I mean the computer. The music-making computer is as much a reflection of our times and technology as the piano was to the industrial revolution or the electric guitar was to the era of landline telephones and radio. The



Dr. Fred De Sena



Valerie Whitcup

means for musician control, the human interface, is however, still clumsy – a computer keyboard and mouse pointer is not an effective setup for controlling the many simultaneous subtleties expressed in music.

For that matter, though workable, current musical keyboards and wind instrument-like musical controllers do not provide the necessary flexibility to sufficiently adapt to the potential multitude of control modes to which the computer is capable of musically responding.

Remember, our collection of acoustic instruments was refined over decades and centuries. We are now in the adolescence of this art and it is right now, and in the immediate future, that the standards and expectations of the new musical instruments is taking shape. There probably will be many solutions to the interface or instrumental controller problem, but as important as a physical, tactile hardware interface, will be the array of software intersections between the device and the music. What physical action should be mapped to what musical effect of collection of effects? What will make the music go this way or that?

In addition, these instruments will not be limited to the production of individual notes (like wind instruments) or even a specific individual instrumental character for a set of simultaneous notes (like a piano or guitar). They may place under the performer's control the shaping of evolving textures or formal structures. This is one of the most exciting reasons to be involved with electronic music. By composing for it and performing it, we are in fact, helping to define the musical future.

Fred De Sena is a Brooklyn-born composer living in Miami. He currently teaches composition and electronic music at the New World School of the Arts. He and harpist Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup will be performing his composition "Directed Ambience," for harp and electronic sound, at the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, July 31 and August 1, 2009. They will also be making a presentation, "A Compositional Perspective on the Art of Electronic Music," at the Festival/Center for Life Enrichment, 10 AM to 12 Noon, Friday, July 31, 2009, in Highlands at PAC.

For class tickets call CLE at 828-526-8811, for concert tickets call HCCMF at 828-526-9060.

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Through Saturday, Aug. 15

• Helen Frankenthaler and the Color Field Painters exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

Through Sun., Aug. 16

• At Highlands Playhouse, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, opening July 23 at 8 p.m. with an Opening

Night Reception catered by New Mountain Events. There will be a 'Preview Night' dress rehearsal of *Arsenic and Old Lace* on July 22 at 8 p.m. The dress rehearsal is open to the public and any donation made at the door is greatly appreciated! Regular performances Tuesday-Sunday are at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location.

Thurs., July 23

### Cast set for HCP's 'Accomplice'



The cast of the Highlands Cashiers Players' comedy murder mystery thriller, "Accomplice," opening August 20 at the Performing Arts Center. Seated left to right are Mary Adair Leslie, Paul Del Gatto, David Spivey, and Ronnie Spilton. Standing is Kirk Howard with a choice of murder weapons in his hands.

### Thursday, Aug. 6 Bingo to benefit The Playhouse



The Rotary Club of Highlands and Highlands Playhouse will partner to offer an evening of Bingo to benefit the Playhouse. As Highlands Playhouse enters its 71<sup>st</sup> year, it is calling on all its friends to celebrate its history and provide for its future.

Playhouse Bingo will be on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Highlands Community Building – next to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 being a surprise money game. Play as many cards as you like and don't be afraid to laugh and have a great time.

In addition to Playhouse Bingo cash prizes some games will also have a distinctive art glass piece from Bryant Art Glass to

accompany the cash prize – cold cash on a unique art plate! If you've been to the Playhouse in the last 30 years you've heard Henry Johnson introduce the evening's performance – well, Henry will be at Playhouse Bingo to call a few games.

Half of all Bingo money goes to Bingo players as prizes and the remaining half plus all donations go to Highlands Playhouse.

Playhouse Bingo is a family-style event that offers fun, a lot of humor, free refreshments served by Highlands Boy Scouts and the chance to win Bingo money.

The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed by North Carolina to operate Bingo games.

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

• At PAC, Judy Collins in Concert at 7:30 p.m. Folk-Pop icon, Judy Collins has thrilled audiences worldwide with her unique blend of folksongs and contemporary themes. A classical pianist early in her life, she soon learned to love the guitar. Highlands is indeed fortunate to host this one-night engagement of a songstress who creates music of hope and healing that lights up the world and speaks to the heart. Come hear one of the purist and most recognizable voices in the world in the acoustically acclaimed environment of the Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Dress Circle \$200, General Admission \$100.

• The Friends of the Library will host a free family cookout and movie at the Cashiers library at 5 p.m. for all the families in the community. Hamburgers and hot-dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served in the Friendship Garden. The 2008 G movie "The Tale of Despereaux" will begin at about 6 p.m.

**Fri. and Sat., July 24 & 25**

• Don't Count Your Chickens Folk Art Sale at the Highlands Community Building from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last one ever!

• The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance's (J-MCA) 2009 Green Living Fair in Highlands. The 2008 event, a first of its kind for the area, was a huge success with an attendance of over 300 people and host to 30+ participants. Unsure of what the first year would bring, J-MCA was conservative with booth space and speaker/discussion sessions. Since then the response has been overwhelmingly positive and reason for the expansion of the number of eco-conscious participants and speakers able to take part in the 2009 event.

• Scaly Mountain Church of God is having a revival on Friday-Sunday. Services are 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. on

Sunday. The evangelist is Rev. Matthew Hartley, a young minister from South Carolina. Come expecting the miracle you need from God. The church is located at 278 Buck Knob, Scaly Mountain. Call 526-3212 for more information.

**Fri., July 24**

• Free Mountain Music Concerts at Highlands School old gym, dancing begins at 6:45 P.M. and concerts begin at 7:30. Sponsored by Just for You Relay for Life team. Oliver Rice and Blue Ridge Mountain Band.

**Sat., July 25**

• ABC Store Grand Opening at 81 Highlands Plaza at 11 a.m.

• "Much Ado About Nothing" by the Highlands Playhouse, at Cashiers Village Green. Bring a picnic. Noon. and it's free.

• Bob & Cathy Fisher are opening their garden for tours for Kids4Peace with 100% of the proceeds used to continue the Episcopal Church's mission project of building a school in Haiti. Tickets are on sale at the church for \$25. Order by phone at 828-526-2968.

• Drake's Diamond Gallery Trunk Show 10-7pm, on Second Street. Featuring "Mia Katrin." Hors'Doeuvres & Cocktails.

• At Cyrano's two book signings. From 1-3 p.m., it's author Charlie Poe "Life is a Play Ground." From 3-5 p.m. it's author Angela Dove "No Room for Doubt."

• A full breakfast will be served from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Scaly Mountain Community Center located in the historic Scaly School House, corner of NC Hwy 106 and Buck Knob Road. Meal of juice, pancakes, local patty sausage and bottomless cups of coffee. A bonus this month is a sale of vintage jewelry and original art work. Young anglers are encouraged to bring their gear for fishing in the creek if they wish. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children. Proceeds fund scholarships for local students of all ages who wish to further their secondary school education. For information about the scholarship program contact Kay Steele at 526-3091.

**Sunday, July 26**

• The second Reading by the "Royal Scribblers" will be hosted by Buck's Coffee Cafe in Cashiers at the Crossroads. Beginning at 3 each writer will be allotted five minutes to present a family-friendly composition.

### Shakespeare's work returns to Highlands for a third year

Danielle Bailey Miller and Jeremy Miller in "Much Ado About Nothing," in Highlands at Pine Street Park on July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. and at the Village Green in Cashiers, Saturday, July 25 at noon.



The Highlands Playhouse delivers a stellar retelling of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Jeremy Miller, resident Technical Director and performer of the Playhouse puts on his director's beret and navigates the company through the Bard's fun, but sometimes-difficult language. "Shakespeare's words can be so enchanting, yet bewildering. A lot of time, research, and preparation goes into every Shakespeare in the Park production so that we, the players, can clearly convey the meaning of each word and tell his story as imaginatively as possible", says performer and Assistant General Manager Danielle Bailey Miller, "Not to brag, but my husband has done an incredible job pulling his concept together, while staying true to the story and providing the company with excellent direction."

Jeremy Miller's concept centers around the theme of the story, which is love. "I searched for something to symbolize love and discovered the giving nature of

water. During our process I allowed the actors to apply this symbol to their characters, props, and relationships." *Much Ado* is only a fraction of the work Miller does at the Playhouse, "It has been a challenge to juggle this project with all of my other responsibilities, however I have found it to be a rewarding artistic endeavor".

*Much Ado About Nothing* follows the love quarrel of the witty Beatrice and clever Benedick, as well as the high jinks of the rest of the townspeople in Messina, Italy. Join the Highlands Playhouse Company for an evening of hilarity, mischief and love.

Production dates are July 25 at 12:00 Noon on the Village Green in Cashiers, July 26, August 2, and August 9 at 7:00 PM in Pine Street Park in Highlands. As always, admission is FREE and pic-nic's are encouraged. Bring blankets, chairs, and a friend and enjoy some of the finer things in life with the company of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

### 'Pump Boys and Dinettes' opens tonight, Thursday, July 23



Get ready tap your toes and holler for more! Cindy Summers from 2008's *Always Pasty Cline* is back, along with a cast of talented, professional actors, musicians, and dancers from all over the country. You've never seen such energy hit the stage in this rock-country music revue that is sure to serve up a rollicking good time. *Pump Boys and Dinettes* takes place along Highway 57 between Frog Level and Smyrna, NC. There, we find Prudie and Rhett Cupp, owners of the Double Cupp Diner and across the highway, we meet L.M. Eddie, Jackson, and Jim at the Gas Station, doing more talking than working! The guys and the gals croon about love, work, Dolly Parton, and life by the roadside.

Director Bill Gabelhausen is no stranger to the HPH stage. He has directed and choreographed three productions for the Playhouse, including the successful *Fiddler on the Roof*. Bill is 'pumped' about being back in Highlands. "It is a great joy to be back in Highlands. The positive energy and tremendous talent up here always inspires me as a director. *Pump Boys and Dinettes* is incredibly unique because of its ensemble nature. Not only do the six performers have to create believable fun-loving characters, but they must also unite as an onstage band for the production."

*Pump Boys and Dinettes*, sponsored by Old Edwards Inn and Spa, runs from July 23-August 16. Show times are Tuesday-Saturday at 8:00 PM with Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$12 for children. You may visit the Box Office at 362 Oak Street in downtown Highlands or you may call 828-526-2695 and order by phone.

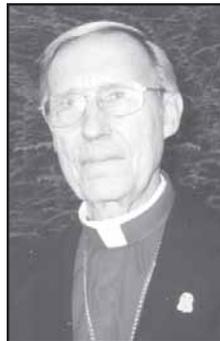
There will be an Opening Night reception catered by New Mountain Events immediately following the performance on July 23. You will have the chance to mingle with the cast, Board of Directors, and enjoy gourmet appetizers! See you at the theatre!

### First Annual Relay for Life Bridge Party Highlands and Cashiers bridge players invited!

Have fun and support the American Cancer Society at the same time. The Just For You team invites you to come and play party bridge at the Highlands Rec park on Thursday, June 30 from 1-4:30 p.m. The charge is \$10 per person. Bring your partner or come alone. Keep the same partner or change after the first round, your choice. Bring your bridge club! Spread the word. The deadline to register is July 27. Call Gladys Calloway at 526-4021 or Marge Meeter at 787-2174. Refreshments will be provided. Prizes will be given for high score and there is a traveling deuce prize, too,

## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

### Losing God in the gadgets



**+The Most Rev. Dr. John S. Erbeling**  
Senior Pastor, Chapel of Sky Valley  
Sky Valley, GA

We had a bit of a crisis recently. For a day we had a power failure; our satellite TV went out, our Internet connection was lost, and I left my cell phone at the church. I couldn't have been more isolated if I had gone to the dark side of the moon. Without television, I received no news, no weather reports, and could not watch my favorite food channel. Without Internet, I couldn't communicate or check up on people. And without cell phone service, I was simply alone and isolated from humanity.

I remember the days before all those micro-gadgets determined our life.

Never wanting to be "out of touch" even thirty-five years ago, I ordered a mobile phone, which is not to be confused with a cell phone. A mobile phone looked something like the communication device used by the military in World War I. It was "portable" in the sense that it could be installed in the car and was the size of a lunch box, only much heavier. The electronic works that made it function were in the trunk of the car in a small suitcase-sized metal box with glowing tubes and colored wires.

Some years ago we started sending out a newsletter called the Chapel Chimes through the mail to members of the church. There were printing fees, postage fees, and paperwork. Now I can send out something several times a day if needed to many hundreds of people over the World Wide Web. There are articles, news items, prayers requests, announcements, all inexpensive, fast, and convenient. Only three households in our church do not have the Internet, so the communication gets to almost everyone instantly. If anyone in our church complains about a "lack of communication" from me, it's because they don't have the right gadgets, and sometimes I envy them.

When I was a kid, we had one black and white television, rabbit ears and three channels. Nothing was broadcast except a test pattern until 5:30 p.m. Howdy Doody, Bob Smith and the gang brought us in from the street. I told my grandchildren how I used to have to walk all the way across the room to change channels and adjust the sound. Both ways. They were really impressed, or so I thought. They then had to show me how to program my cell phone again.

Now, I have a pretty good size screen on all four color televisions at home, a remote for each, and more channels than I can possibly watch, most not worth watching anyway.

See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 17

## • PLACES OF WORSHIP •

**BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m., Worship - 11  
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7  
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting - 7 p.m.

**BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

**CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY**  
Sky Valley, Georgia  
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbeling, Pastor  
Church: 706-746-2999  
Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770  
Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship  
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month  
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

**Christian Science Church**  
Third and Spring Streets, Highlands  
Sunday Service - 11 a.m.; Sunday School - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Testimony Meeting - 11 a.m.  
3rd Wednesday of the Month

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329  
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

**CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Father Jim Murphy: Office - 526-2320  
Sunday: Holy Communion - 11 a.m.  
Highlands Community Center  
Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.  
at First Baptist Church  
Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

**CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Everett Brewer  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11  
Prayer - 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service - 1st & 3rd Sunday - 7 p.m.

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685  
Pastor Gary Hewins  
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands  
Sundays: 9:30am Sunday School for all ages;  
10:45am Worship; 6pm High School Group  
Tuesdays: 10am Women's Bible Study; 2nd, 4th, &  
5th Tuesdays Young Mom's Bible Study  
Wed.: 5pm Dinner; 6pm AWANA, Youth Activities

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION**  
The Rev. Brian Sullivan - Rector: 526-2968  
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)  
Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.  
Monday: 4 p.m. Women's Cursillo Group  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group  
4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry  
Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice  
Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King

• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

**FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN**  
Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977  
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.  
(nursery provided)  
Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children's  
Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;  
Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Small groups available throughout the week.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153  
Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School - 9:30  
a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6  
p.m.; Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor  
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175  
Sun.: Worship - 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Sun. School - 9:30  
& 9:45.  
Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Bible Discussion &  
Breakfast  
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers  
Wednesdays - Choir - 7

**HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sixth Street  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11  
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Paul Christy  
526-3376  
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.;  
5 p.m. Youth Group  
Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 - children, youth, & adults  
studies; 6:15 - Adult choir  
(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)  
Thurs: 12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery)

**HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA**  
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Choir - 6 p.m.  
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. - 7 p.m.

**MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE**  
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**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor  
Parish office, 526-2418  
Sundays: Mass - 11 a.m.

**SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Clifford Willis  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m. & 7  
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

**SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD**  
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.;  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m.  
For more information call 526-3212.

**SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11  
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

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**WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11



## • BUSINESS NEWS •

### Pat Calderone's "The Silent Wind" opens at Summit One Gallery, with Fran Gatins Saturday, July 25



Opening Reception:  
Saturday, July 25  
from 5-7pm.  
All are welcome.

Pat Calderone loves nature and travel. She loves to ramble the countryside seeking out the places and people that inspire the imagery you see depicted in her work.

After living in this area for several years she purchased a home at the foot of Rabun Bald. This land seemed sacred to her. After weeks of hiking the forests that surround her property she began to hear the murmurs and snippets of stories that seemed to come from the land. This inspired her desire to learn about the Cherokee people who once inhabited this land. Her work expresses the Cherokee message to accept our differences, to love and nurture each other, to respect and honor our earth, and to live in tune with nature."

Fran Gatins creates "Staffs." Her staffs are based in the Chinese philosophy of Five Elements: Earth, Metal, Water, Wood/Wind and Fire. Each staff is attuned to a particular Element but all are present on each staff. Every staff has a heart, noisemakers, a medicine bag containing a token of each of the Elements, a feather, a tassel from Nepal and a large central clay bead from a Ghanaian ceremonial necklace.

At the deepest level, the staff refers to the Tree of Life, given by the Creator to connect heaven and earth and remind us of the interconnectedness of all life. "My intention in making these staffs is to remind us that we humans are an integral part of this intricate, awe-inspiring Earth system." she says. "The Silent Wind" continues through Sept. 2.

Coming in August is the "Empty Bowl" exhibition, two days only, August 15 & 16. Gallery artists have created works that implies, suggests or depicts an empty bowl. Sales of the "Empty Bowl" will benefit the area food banks. In addition, bring non-perishable food for a donation to the food banks.

Summit One Gallery is located in "The Galleries", South Second Street, Highlands. 828.526.2673  
summitonegallery@verizon.net  
www.summitonegallery.com



### Robert A. Tino at Greenleaf Gallery in Wright Square Saturday, July 25



Robert A. Tino, one of Highlands favorite artist's, will be at the Greenleaf Gallery on Saturday, July 25th, for the Artist Reception from 4 - 6 pm.

Robert chose the Greenleaf Gallery to carry his work and maintain his presence in Highlands. The Greenleaf Gallery opened in May of this year and is excited about Robert's work and the other artists they carry at their gallery located at 177 Main Street in Wrights Square.

Other artists attending the reception will be Bev Rambo, known for her nostalgic landscapes, Sally Robbe, for her local landscapes and still life, her Peaches were featured on the cover of the June issue of the Georgia Mountain Laurel, and Millie Speeg, painter of the Taino Indians.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet these fine artists, and enjoy a glass of wine. For more information on this event and others held that evening, call the Greenleaf Gallery at 526-9333. They are located at 177 Main Street in Wrights Square.

### Creator of Good Earth Pottery, Richie Watts at The Hen House



On Saturday, July 18, Creator of Good Earth Pottery, Richie Watts, signs pieces of his work for customers. Featured this year is his new addition to his pottery line, Blue Heron. Owner Lloyd Wagner with Watts and a customer.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Shoe designer Paul Mayer at Vivace



Linda Hall, co-owner of Vivace at 230 S. 4th Street ...on the hill, with shoe designer Paul Mayer, Saturday, July 18.

Food service in The Cafe starts at The Bascom

The Cafe at The Bascom has begun seasonal service. It is open and providing light fare for individuals, families and groups who come to the art center at 323 Franklin Road to view exhibitions, browse at the Shop and participate in education programs.

The food service amenity is new and designed for those who come to The Bascom's new campus for a casual get-together with friends or a meeting with colleagues. The Cafe is open in the atrium of the art center's new main building, with seating on the second floor and on the outdoor terrace from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The cafe menu includes seasonal fresh fare such as grilled vegetable panini, smoked turkey croissant, Oak Street Cafe's signature mushroom bisque, a grilled chicken Caesar wrap, plus coffee, pastries and more. Wine and beer will be available on the menu by late July.

Alex Kalinin, owner of Oak Street Café in Highlands, is the vendor behind the Cafe at The Bascom, featuring Chef Rob McCarthy. He said he is proud to take the

initiative with this new project.

"We're so excited to offer the Cafe at The Bascom and invite everyone to stop by and enjoy our food," Kalinin said.

"During the first season for the Cafe at The Bascom, the art center leadership feels fortunate to have such an experienced partner providing our food service," said Tommy Clark, Bascom board member. "The Cafe at The Bascom offers food that is as artistically and conscientiously presented and as flavorful as the menu at Oak Street Cafe."

Food is served out of The Bascom's state-of-the-art Anderson Family catering kitchen, which is equipped in part with refrigerators, an ice maker, stainless steel sinks, carts and work tables generously donated by Brenda and Stuart Manning of Manning Brothers Food Equipment, Athens, Ga.

Cafe service will continue through October and resume next spring with the new season.

For more information about the cafe or other Bascom offerings, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

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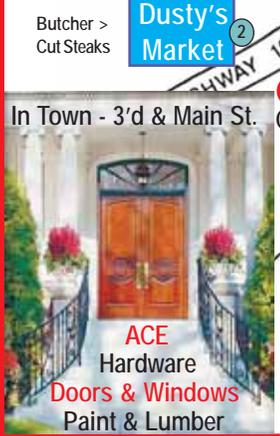
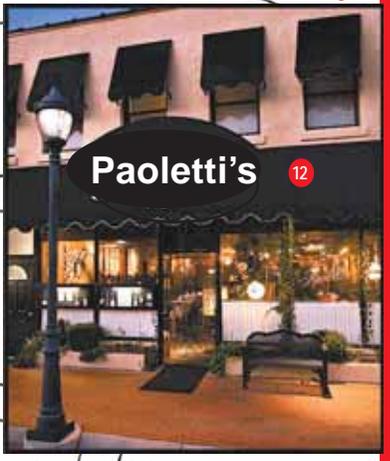
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**Night Life**  
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A detailed street map of Highlands, North Carolina. The map shows a grid of streets including Main St., Church St., Spring St., and others. Various businesses and landmarks are marked with numbered icons and labels, such as 'Madison's', 'Country Club Prop.', 'Bryson's Foods Gourmet', 'Paoletti's', and 'Wolfgang's'. The map also includes a legend for dining, lodging, and shopping.

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