FY 09-10 budget passes with changes

After hearing from the public, and making some changes to the proposed budget, commissioners unanimously passed the resolution to accept the FY2009-2010 budget at the Special Town Board meeting on Wednesday, June 24. All of the three people who showed up for the public hearing questioned specifics in the budget.

Most vocal was John Cleaveland who questioned the need to have a police budget near that of Franklin when Franklin has three times more people than Highlands and “90% of the crime in the county occursthere,” he said.

Town Manager Jim Fatland said the police department staffing is the same for the upcoming year as it has been for the past two years, but will do a comparison study of police departments to ensure efficiency in the Highlands Police Department.

Gary Drake asked about the town’s plans to renovate the Police Department. Fatland explained that only $16,000 was allocated for the police department’s move to the ABC Store in FY2009 to pay for detailed plans and a cost analysis. That hasn’t come in yet, so no money as been allocated for that.

Heath Dept. ready for H1N1

As H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) cases continue to increase across North Carolina, the Macon County Public Health Center continues to monitor the situation closely.

As of June 22, there were 124 confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza in the state, with cases reported in Buncombe and Rutherford counties and news media sources reporting cases in neighboring Haywood and Henderson counties in North Carolina, and Rabun County in Georgia.

As of June 23, there were no confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza in Macon County.

At the Tuesday, June 23 Macon County Commission meeting, Commission Chairman Ronnie Beale asked Macon County Health Director Jim Bruckner to report on the matter. Bruckner said the county is prepared for whatever happens.

“Federal plans are in place and we have received and now have in storage all the medicine, masks, and a request for the town to follow its own rules.

Planning Board insists town follows the rules

A bit of rezoning housekeeping turned into an extended discussion and a request for the town to follow its own rules. At the June 22 Planning Board meeting, Town Planner Joe Cooley presented two parcels of town property that are currently wrongly zoned for their function — the parcel behind the Performing Arts Center that was purchased after the
Dear Editor,

I suggest someone alert visitors and park officials to the dangers of hiking near slippery waterfalls. A few days ago, my brother George and I were hiking at Glen Falls and saw a teenager laying at the bottom of the Falls being attended to by hikers that clearly saved his life. [This story was reported in your paper.]

A metal railing had been installed near the top of Falls - presumably to keep people from walking into the water. At this point the water seemed safe. We noticed a pair of socks there that belonged to unfortunate

The first tier of Glen Falls

The rescuers told us that a number of people go over the various falls in the area each year, often leading to fatalities. A few well placed signs could help avoid many problems.

I don't know which organization has responsibility for safety in the area, so I ask you to forward this note to the appropriate people.

Peter Popper,
Wilmington DE

Someone should let people know about danger at area waterfalls

The Plateau’s Position

Letters

Yoga move made easy

We give a heart felt thanks to Brian Sullivan and vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation of Highlands for opening its doors to “On the Mat Yoga.”

Landis Family

Community should be proud

On behalf of the Special Operations Adventure Race (SOAR) and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, I wish to thank the many volunteers who worked the dinners, the registrations, and out at the check points along the course. Our community should be very proud of its many contributions to such a worthy cause. It was a patriotic day experienced by all racers and volunteers. God Bless America.

Bill Bathurst
Commissioner, SOAR Board
Colonel (USAF-Ret.)

Thank Yous

A dummy copy unnerves motorist

He sat in his patrol car on N.C. 106 oblivious to the world around him.

He didn't notice the big truck that allegedly ran a woman motorist off the road as she traveled toward Highlands.

Nor did he acknowledge her shouts, honking and outrage as she tried to get his attention.

He is after all only half a man, made of rubber and plastic. A decoy of sorts meant to scare motorists into obeying the rules of the road. But the women motorist in distress didn't know that.

She was so outraged, as she tried in vain to get the officer's help, she called 9-1-1. Not to report an emergency or ask for help, but to report the inadequacy of the Highlands Police Department.

“ I stopped because a big truck about ran me off the road and I honked my horn over and over, and he never woke up,” the caller said. “Dead asleep in the car. kid you not. It is ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous.” So read the dispatch report.

The woman was talking about Manny, one of two mannequins in the Highlands Police Department uses to maintain control on the roads.

Manny joined the department over Memorial Day weekend, a donated store dummy that had been retired.

“He has no legs, but he is pretty convincing from a distance and that's the purpose,” said Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell. “He and our female mannequin have been very successful.”

Since Manny has arms officers prop up on the steering wheel or on the door frame when the window is down, this makes him appear even more real than the woman mannequin the department has been using for a couple years now.

The woman, a retired CPR dummy, has no arms but fits the bill when sitting at an intersection or at key points in and out of town. She too, can stop traffic. Officers have fun dressing him in wigs, hats and sunglasses which makes them look, at least from a distance, like a genuine police officer. And that's the point when motorists see them, they usually check their speed, said Harrell.

Chief Harrell said using dummies in patrol cars is common practice in the industry and it has actually helped his department and consequently Highlands win the NC Traffic Safety Community of the Year award two years in a row 2007 and 2008. With that, Triple A has named Highlands the safest town with the population of fewer than 10,000 people in North Carolina.

As required, Macon County Dispatch notified the Highlands Police Department of the complaint and learned that Manny was indeed on call that day but he wasn't asleep… he was even alive.

Chief Harrell said the department tried to contact the woman who called 9-1-1 but she has not returned their messages.

Kim Lewicki

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**Milestones**

Congratulations Reese Family graduates

![Micheal Reese](image1.png)  
![Devon Reese](image2.png)

**Obituaries**

**William Franklin (Bill) Carter, Sr.**

William Franklin (Bill) Carter, Sr., age 88, of Atlanta, GA, died Saturday, June 20, 2009, in Highlands, NC. Bill Carter was born in Winsted, CT on October 21, 1920, the youngest son of Mills T. Carter and Katherine Darcey Carter.

He earned a BBA degree from the University of Connecticut, and an LLB degree from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law. Bill also attended Emory University Law School and Georgia State University.

During WWII, Bill served 52 months in the Army Air Corps and was discharged as a captain. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1950 and an Attorney at Law in 1954. Bill was employed at Ernst and Ernst CPA Firm from 1946-1952, Carter and Fuller Accounting Firm from 1953-1959, Courts and Company Stock Exchange Firm as a Partner from 1960-1970, and American Protein in Cumming, GA from 1971-1995, where he retired as President.

After retirement, he served on the American Proteins Board of Directors where he currently held the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Bill was a charter member of the Northside Hospital Association and served as an initial member of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County for 13 years, including three years as Chairman. Bill also served as a member of the initial Board of Trustees for Pace Academy and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Holy Innocents Episcopal School. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Forsyth County, GA, the Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, GA and the Highlands Country Club in Highlands, NC.

Bill Carter is survived by Roberta R. Carter, his beloved wife of 25 years; his three children, Nancy T. Carter of Roswell, GA, William F. Carter, Jr., of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Robert G. Carter with his wife Debbie of Roswell, GA; his two step-children, Jeffrey Redden of Mount Pleasant, SC, and Leslie Vereide of Vienna, VA; and his three grandchildren, Anna, Andrew, and Will Carter, and four step-grandchildren, Chelsea and Courtney Vereide, and Bennett and Charles Redden. A memorial service in celebration of the life of Bill Carter will be held at 2 pm on Friday, June 26, 2009, at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Bell Tower Endowment, Church of the Incarnation, 520 Main Street, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

**Urban Ronald Joseph Schutz**

Urban Ronald Joseph Schutz, age 92, of Big Pine Lane, Highlands, NC died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was born in Jasper, IN, the son of the late Frank X and Josephine Tretter Schutz. He was married to Joeline McRae Schutz who died in 1997. He was retired from Delta Airlines and was a member of Our Lady of The Mountains Catholic Church in Highlands.

He is survived by his daughter, Debra Lee Harkins and her husband, John J. Harkins of Beaufort, SC; two grandchildren, Nicole and Shawn Harkins.

Funeral mass will be held Wednesday, June 24 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of The Mountains Catholic Church with Father Dean officiating. Burial will be held at Oconnee Memorial Park in Seneca, SC. The family will receive friends after the service.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com
**The Czarminator**

Gives new meaning to the football term “handoff.”

Is this fun times we’re living in or what? Not since I started writing columns in 2004 has my country supplied me with so much outrageous material to write about.

The best part is I’m old and won’t be around for the aftermath of all this insanity and craziness. Old folks have seen the best of America. Har, har, eat your hearts out, younger America, we geeks have lived better than you young whippersnappers will ever live. And stop worrying about the grandkids ‘cause, even though they’ll be broke, they won’t know any better. I’m tired of hearing about the grandkids. I got eight and they’ll be fine. Not as good as us, but OK.

Let’s get started. I want to lay claim to this silly, stupid and meaningless “czar” idée now being thrown around by President Obama. It seems he appoints a new czar every week. What is this, Russia?

In 2005, I wrote a short story about my granddaughter titled She’s the Czar of one word sentences. Check out I’m Moving Back to Mars in your local book store if you want the real poop on czars. Our country’s czars have about as much power as my granddaughter. So, Mr. President, eat your heart out with the czar thing ‘cause my granddaughter was there first.

A Czar is supposed to be like a Sheik or Emperor and be a supreme ruler, a mighty king. El Hefe extraordinaire and stuff like that. American czars are a bunch of weenies. I recommend we appoint a czarminator, pronounced czar-mi-nator, and put some teeth in American czarism.

The new czarminator will be in charge of all czars and czarists. In keeping with my usual complete and total bias against women, the czarminator must be a man. Women are so weak, plus they have that darn PMO thing to cope with. You know, like when you throw your hat in the door, you don’t know whether they’ll shoot it or hang it to you. How would you like to be in the same room with Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton when they’re having a serious PMS bout? Whoo! And remember, PMS is even mentioned in the bible. In Matthew it says “Mary rode Joseph’s ass all the way to Egypt.”

The term “czarminator” just doesn’t cut it. Not only does this special person need to be male, he must also be intelligent so that leaves George Bush out. He also must be as mean as a snake so that leaves mister nice guy John McCain out. No, no, not Dick Cheney, but I think you’re getting the idea. This person must be even more ruthless than Cheney…like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the president of Iran. That guy’s got squinty eyes and is one scary dude. He should be our czarminator.

It looks like ole Ahmad, election thief, will be looking for work soon after calling Israel racist just because you gotta be Jewish to live there. Where does he come up with that silly stuff? And darn, I wish I had thought to say something stupid like that. My “hate mail” bin is currently very low.

Anyway, with a sweep of his pen, our president could dump ole “shoot from the hip” Biden and swear in Ahmad. That would put him in control of congress and, are you sitting down? Ahmad will be in charge of cutting off hands.

Fun, fun, fun! With the power to cut off hands, I’m going to assume our politicians would be a bit more squeamish about stuffing tax payer’s money in their pockets. Can you say “one-handed Congressman” real fast three times? This would give new meaning to the football term “handoff.” And for those crooked politicians who didn’t get the message, which is most of them, whack; no hands.

Here’s another fun thing. With czars in charge of everything, there’ll be no need for a Constitution or Bill of Rights and stupid stuff like that. Russia had lots of czars but none of that silly paperwork so who needs it. Are you getting excited?

I’m not blaming our president for America’s mess. It’s been heading downhill since I experienced good ole boy Jimmy Carter flooded us with immigrants and then did 10 other stupid things to help us get to where we are today. Can you say “twenty percent interest” real fast three times?

And finally, I’m sorry to be snickering, but I can’t get the image of a one-handed Pelosi out of my mind.
The real culprit behind Global Warning is....

I recently read that the dairy industry produces 2% of the greenhouse gases in America, mostly from bovine belches. Flatus contributes a lesser amount, as do electric lights in the barns, and trucks used to transport milk. There are other factors as well, but it was the emissions that caught my eye. I had heard that cows were a significant source of greenhouse gases, but I thought it would be mainly a problem in India where cows live high on the hog and frequently develop gout. It sounds like gas production cows are a greater problem than gas guzzling Ferraris, if only because there are so many of the former and so precious few of the latter.

This got me wondering how much Bull’s rising seventh grade class contributes to global warming. It’s ironic because these kids believe that reducing greenhouse gases is crucial to the health of the planet. Even while they are criticizing us for leaving lights burning in an empty room, that gas may be heating up the entire planet. I’m eagerly anticipating the release of a report from the Environmental Protection Agency stating, “Sixth graders contribute x% of the nation’s greenhouse gases, with boys contributing a disproportionate share. Additional millions, needed to determine the contribution of middle aged men, are not available in the current budget.”

Green leaning farmers, in an attempt to reduce bovine greenhouse emissions, have varied the cows’ diets substituting grains high in omega three fatty acids for corn, which is apparently a better substrate for the production of methane. Methane is a colorless, odorless, flammable gas. It is odorless, although you may not believe it. The characteristic odor that turns you off in a crowded room is produced by intestinal bacteria. The information may come in handy if you’re ever on Jeopardy. The answer, or question, is, “What’s e. coli?” not “What is methane?” Farmers have actually stuck pipes into piles of manure, harvested the methane and used it to produce heat. It is my sincere hope that they used it for cooking only in dire culinary emergencies.

If there is a serious message here, it is that there are many factors that contribute to global warming and modest reductions in each of them can make a huge difference. It requires less energy to recycle aluminum than to refine bauxite, less energy but more trouble, to turn off lights in an empty room than to leave them burning. Small cars consume less fuel and produced fewer emissions than big trucks, but perhaps not less than medium sized flatulent cows.

Now that gas prices are rising again, we can hope that Americans will turn to more fuel efficient cars. Unfortunately, the state of North Carolina can hope that Americans will turn to more fuel efficient cars. Unfortunately, the state of North Carolina can hope that Americans will turn to more fuel efficient cars.
of the economy probably dictates that people drive what they have and be happy if they can still make the payments. The Cash for Clunkers program may provide some incentive, but not for the guy with a family to feed and no job. There are so few areas of agreement. We can’t even agree if global warming is really taking place, and, if so, if it is the result of human activity. We might be able to agree on one thing, and one area of cooperation might spawn others. Maybe we can all agree to eat fewer beans.

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In the summer I like to sit on my porch and listen to the Wood Thrushes singing. I have lived in this house for fourteen years now, and there have always been at least three or four right across the road from my house. Last year I felt like there weren’t as many Wood Thrushes, but I wasn’t sure; this year I am positive. I sat on the porch on the evening of the longest day of the year and I didn’t hear one.

I went to the Audubon Society website and found that the Wood Thrush is in significant decline, due to “degradation and destruction of its forest habitat on both its North American breeding grounds and Central American wintering grounds.” Increased forest fragmentation in the Wood Thrush’s breeding grounds results in higher rates of nest predation and cowbird brood parasitism, thereby decreasing reproductive success.

If you don’t know the Wood Thrush song, you can go to the website www.allaboutbirds.org, search for wood thrush, and click sound. Or you can park on Fifth Street across from Highlands Village Square and walk into the woods between the Episcopal and Catholic Churches. There are always Wood Thrushes singing. Lastly there, I filmed one there a few weeks ago, you can see and hear it singing on Heart of the High Country show #604 (in the beginning of the segment on the Craft Show).

Last week I watched a wonderful documentary by Richard Attenborough called “Life in Cold Blood,” about reptiles and amphibians. Among the many amazing frogs they filmed was the Golden frog of Panama. Golden frogs communicate with signaling—they wave their front legs in a circular fashion. The film showed researchers trying to understand what the frogs were communicating about; the frogs waved at themselves reflected in mirrors, and at images of other frogs waving on TV screens.

At the end of this segment there was an epilogue, in which you find that these wonderful frogs are almost extinct. At the time the film was made, three years ago, no one knew why. As I watched I remembered I had read about this frog recently in an NY Yorker article called “The Sixth Extinction?” by Elizabeth Kolbert (May 25, 2009).

“Extinction is a relatively modern concept. When Thomas Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark to explore the Northwest, he instructed them to be on the lookout for mastodons and other large creatures whose fossilized bones had been found. The prevailing view, Ms. Kolbert writes, “was that species were fixed, created by God for all eternity. If the bones of a strange creature were found, it must mean that that creature was out there somewhere.”

In the last century we have learned that extinction is an ongoing process and that there have been five major extinction events since life began three and a half billion years ago. These were major punctuation points in the history of life on this planet; as Richard Leakey said, they “restructured the biosphere.” The NY Yorker article contained some mind-bending statistics, such as: “Of the many species that have existed on earth — estimates run as high as fifty billion — more than ninety-nine percent have disappeared” and “in the end-Permian event, more than ninety percent of marine species and seventy percent of terrestrial species vanished.”

The cause of one of these events is known — the asteroid that landed in the Yucatan and killed the dinosaurs 65 million years ago — but the others remain a mystery.

Some scientists say we are currently in another mass extinction, but we know the cause of this one: human beings. Ms. Kolbert documents the extinctions of large mammals and birds that follow the migration of humans to a new place. Fifty thousand years ago Australia had a land tortoise the size of a WW Beetle, then humans showed up and it disappeared. South America lost its elephant-sized ground sloth and Madagascar its pygmy hippo soon after humans arrived. Scientists speculate that hunting played only a partial role in these die-offs, humans also changed their environment through things like setting fire to landscapes, and later agriculture.

In the years since “Life in Cold Blood” was made many dead Golden frogs were found and shipped back to labs in the United States to be studied. It was discovered that a fungus was causing the deaths of the Golden frog and of many other frog species around the world. Further research has implicated humans: in the 1930s frogs from Africa were imported to this country to be used as pregnancy tests. These frogs carry the fungus but are immune to it. Many doctors kept dozens of these frogs in aquariums in their offices to be handy for testing. Over the decades escaped frogs and flushed aquarium water went into streams and slowly the fungus spread.

Recently I’ve been hearing about a
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gowns, and gloves in case we need them,” he said. “Right now we have enough medicine to take care of 10% of the county's population, but we can't use it until what's available in the community at doctor offices and pharmacies is exhausted.”

Currently, the medicines, Tamiflu and Ruenza, are being used to fight against the Swine Flu, “but we really don’t know what will happen or work if the virus mutates,” said Bruckner. “People can speculate all day long but until mutation occurs no one can know the effect of the pandemic.”

He said he’s not concerned about supplies, but said infrastructure – that of dispensing the medicine — may become an issue, not whether we have enough medicine.”

Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially raised the pandemic alert level to Phase 6. A Phase 6 designation simply means that the virus has spread worldwide. It does not mean that the virus is growing stronger or is having a more severe effect on individuals’ health than when it started.

H1N1 influenza is now the main strain of circulating influenza in North Carolina and the United States.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most people who have become ill with the new H1N1 influenza virus in the U.S. have recovered without requiring medical treatment. However, CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths associated with this pandemic in the coming days and weeks. In addition, this virus could cause significant illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths in the fall and winter during the U.S. influenza season.

According to CDC officials, H1N1 influenza spreads in the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread, mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the virus, but it may also be spread by touching infected objects and then touching your nose or mouth.

H1N1 influenza infection has been reported to cause a wide range of flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. In addition, many people also have reported nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Individuals have an important role in protecting themselves and their families. “Take everyday steps to protect your health and lessen the spread of this new virus,” said officials.

Cover noses and mouths when coughing or sneezing. Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching eyes, noses or mouths. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

“If you are sick with a flu-like illness, stay home for 7 days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer. This will keep you from infecting others and spreading the virus further,” they said.
The work that goes on behind the scenes

Each month the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Highlands takes up many important issues dealing with the town. These are usually the issues that make the newspapers. However, we do not always recognize other activities that are going on routinely by the staff and other employees who daily do their duty for all of us.

Each month the board gets a detailed report from each of the departments of the town regarding their work from the previous month. Ongoing projects, routine maintenance and services sometimes do not get the credit due because of other issues which come before the board. In this article I would like to speak about these unsung heroes in our town who labor daily and are not many times recognized for their fine work.

Most of the employees of the town belong to the Public Works Department headed by Lamar Nix. Under his supervision the street department works on routine maintenance of the streets such as street and asphalt repairs, culvert work, sweeping, mowing and painting. The water and sewer department also gives us a full report on their projects, renovations, and ongoing function and maintenance of our water and sewer systems. The Harris precision Sewer project is almost completed. Hopefully other sewer projects will begin in the near future. It is our hope that in the five to seven years we will have sewer available to the entire town of Highlands.

One of our busiest departments in public works is the electric department. These men work night and day to maintain our electricity supply, keeping the lines clear, which is not always easy in our mountain terrain and weather. The men who work for the sanitation department are dedicated to moving large amounts of both commercial and residential waste products resulting in a total of almost 200 tons a month. The water and wastewater plants are truly state of the art and run by dedicated professionals who keep us healthy and safe.

In Highlands we are fortunate to have one of the finest police forces of a town our size in the state. They have won first place awards for a town our size in safety in the state of North Carolina for the last two years. Chief Bill Harrell runs a tight well disciplined ship which protects us all. Currently, the police department is in need of some new vehicles and we are looking for grants to help buy them. At the last board meeting the board authorized an application for a USDA grant to help pay for these needed fully equipped cars.

Our administrative staff and all other workers are managed very capably by Town Manager Jim Fatland. Currently, the administrative staff has moved out of Town Hall to a temporary location on the Dillard Road but hopefully that will be for only a few months while town hall is being renovated. All of these women are dedicated to serving the town with precision and efficiency.

The Planning and Zoning department headed up by Joe Cooley keeps us all on track with the zoning regulations. The staff and the town live by Joe not only has experience in town affairs but also is a licensed attorney. The Recreation Department very efficiently runs the Civic Center. We are very fortunate to have these dedicated professionals who keep us healthy and safe.

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Stayin’ Alive. Ah. Ha, Ha, Ha....

by John Armor

Saturday Night Fever is set against the classic scene of a very young John Travolta striding through the streets of Brooklyn. His shoes slap the pavement, his body sways to the rhythm of the Bee-Gees’ immortal song, played sotto voce, Stayin’ Alive. The story is about the attempt of the protagonist, his whole family, his friends and his community merely to survive.

There is a lesson for our times.

The late, great Peter Drucker once wrote to the effect that, “Once an organization exceeds 1,000 people, its first purpose becomes self-preservation.” (Anyone who can find the precise quote in Professor Drucker’s monumental opera, please e-mail me.) The point, of course, is the tendency of any organization to become destructive of the ends for which it was created, when its staff goes to seed as bureaucrats.

For the first example, consider the American labor movement. The AFL and the CIO were separately founded to improve the wages and working conditions. They did exactly that, over their first century of effort. But today we have the spectacle of the AFL-CIO actually changing sides to support “immigration reform” which would accept as American citizens, about ten million Mexicans who have entered the US illegally.

These illegal aliens are taking jobs away from American citizens. Why in the world would American labor take such a position? Look at the numbers. Except in government employment, union membership has dropped to less than 8% overall. The decline has been steady since 1979.

But the soon-to-be-Americans from Mexico are just as desperate as American workers were a century ago. If they sign up it means more members, more dues, more power in politics, more influence for labor’s entrenched and well-paid leaders. So, it hurts the union’s existing members. So what?

Ah, ha, ha, ha, stayin’ alive.

Let’s take a look at America’s political parties. Right now, they are the Democrats and the Republicans. Keep in mind that these parties are not in stone. Parties began in 1797 with the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. Political parties used to die and be replaced when they became self-defeating or simply brain-dead.

The Democratic Party began in 1928 with the election of Andrew Jackson, a frontier man with populist appeal. Its first issue was the abolition of the Bank of the United States, a semi-private organization by which wealthy, powerful people “controlled” the American economy, in Jackson’s view. (Do not claim that Thomas Jefferson was a Democrat. He was the Republican-Democratic Party, which did not survive his Presidency.) Does the Democratic Party resemble what it was, and what it stood for, when it was created?

How about the Republicans? They came into national power with the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. They represented a frontier man with populist appeal. Their first issue was the abolition of slavery. They conducted America’s bloodiest war, to that end, that institution.

Does the Republican Party resemble what it was, and what it stood for, when it was created?

Ah, ha, ha, ha, stayin’ alive.

How about the United States of America? The nation was created to guarantee individual freedom to all citizens. It was created with both a free market in goods and services, and a free market in ideas. And those qualities of its creation made it a “lamp beside the golden door,” as the poem on the Statue of Liberty proclaims.

We did not begin as the most successful nation in the history. We barely won our own Revolution. We nearly lost our freedom two decades later in the War of 1812. There was a poem associated with that event, too. Remember it begins with the words, “Oh, say can you see, by the dawn’s early light....” Perhaps you might listen to it when you next attend a ball game. Maybe you might even find it on the Internet the story of a battle that saved a fort, a city, and a nation with the proof being a flag that was still flying.

We didn’t need it all solved from the start. It took us sometimes to make our nation better than it was at the beginning. A few amendments, and a Civil War, got us there. But what about today?

Is there any area in which we are not going backwards? Education? Economic success? Individual creativity? Freedom of speech, and conscience, and religion, at the press?

Life’s goin’ nowhere. Somebody help me, yeah, / I’m stayin’ alive.

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center and converted into a parking lot and the old Houston house on Foreman Road which is now on Rec Park property.

Cooley’s recommendation to the Planning Board was to rezone the parcels GI — Government/Institutional — the zoning designation assigned most town properties.

Members of the planning board had no objection to rezoning the parcels, because they will match the property they are now a part of, but they were disturbed with the sequence of events leading up to the rezoning.

Normally, rezoning issues are handled prior to development or changes of use — in sequence of events leading up to the rezoning.

The parking lot behind PAC is now R2 (Residential 2) in which parking lots aren’t allowed. The old Houston house, which the town purchased with PARTF money as part of its long-term plan to enlarge the Rec Park property, is zoned B3. Residential houses are allowed in the B3 zone so that wasn’t the issue. The issue was that it was being rezoned after the fact.

The house has been renovated for youth activities and will likely be used in that capacity for the next five years or until the town defines its long-term Rec Park master plan.

Cooley said there are other town parcels that are wrongly zoned, namely the water plant and another parcel that houses water tanks. “These will have to be addressed at some point, too,” he said.

“We need something in place so the Planning Board sees these cases up front,” said Chairman Griffin Bell. “Don’t we have an ordinance that says the town has to follow its own ordinances?”

Cooley said state statute demands that the town do just that and doesn’t know why these cases slipped through the cracks.

“Just because this has been the town’s practice for years doesn’t mean it’s right,” said members.

“Our government and our town should be subject to the same requirements as everyone else,” said Bell.

Cooley, who has been working to streamline and eliminate redundancies and contradictions in the town’s zoning ordinance, agreed and said what’s happened is wrong and now it needs to be corrected. “That’s what I’m trying to do,” he said. “I think it’s just an error that no one ever paid attention to.”

Ball suggested making an informal request to Town Manager Jim Fatland to ensure that when the town acquires property and plans to modify it in some way, it goes through the proper channels.

“We now have a different form of town government and the manager has the

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1. Nolan Ryan absolutely destroying young punk Robin Ventura in a fistfight remains the best old guy moment of all time. Ventura took offense to a Ryan inside fastball and charged the mound, only to be met with a headlock and a good old fashioned Texas beatdown. This was great on so many levels, but also because earlier in the year Ryan had thrown his MLB leading 7th no-hitter at the age of 44.

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Center and all activities surrounding that great structure, Selwyn Chalker very ably directs this very important area.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the fine thirty or so volunteer fire and rescue men, directed by "Popcorn" Manley, we have on the Highlands plateau. They do an outstanding job protecting us and answering all kinds of emergency calls.

It is a great honor for me to work with all of these fine women and men who make our town work in an efficient and professional manner and I want to thank them for their service to the town. When you see them, thank them and let them know how much you appreciate the fine work they do.

In honor of my own birthday this week (in which I will stand on the doorstep of thirty...yikes) I present to you the top 10 "old guy" sporting moments in history.

10. Satchel Paige makes his major league debut at the age of 42 years old. The purveyor of the "Bee Ball" and the "Hesitation Pitch" was 42 when he first began pitching for the Cleveland Indians in 1948.

9. Jack Morris outduels John Smoltz and throws 10 shutout innings for the Minnesota Twins at the age of 36 to give the Twins a World Series championship. I watched this game, and Morris was superb.

8. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar makes it to the NBA finals in his final season at the age of 42. Kareem could still dominate, even at 42.

7. At age 45, George Foreman becomes the oldest heavyweight champion in boxing history by defeating Michael Moorer in 1994. This victory launched a thousand George Foreman grills.

6. Ric Flair’s final match at Wrestlemania XXIV at the age of 59 proved that the “man” still had it, as he put on a classic with Shawn Michaels that was one of the top matches in wrestling history. Not bad for a 16 time World Heavyweight Champion.

5. 43-year-old Ron Francis captains the Carolina Hurricanes to the Stanley Cup Finals in 2004. Despite being defeated by the Red Wings in the finals, Francis led the Hurricanes to their first every Stanley Cup appearance, and brought hockey excitement to the Carolinas.

4. At age 46, Morten Andersen puts up the best percentage of his career, making 25 of 28 field goals for the Atlanta Falcons. Andersen still holds the record for most NFL games played in a career, as well as FG’s made and points scored.

3. In 2007, Julio Franco was the oldest active player in the major leagues at age 49. "Father Time" was the oldest position player in major league history, and also holds the record for being the oldest player to hit a home run and pinch run.

2. Wrestlemania XXV saw two men over 40 put on the best wrestling match I have ever seen as the Undertaker and Shawn Michaels proved that old guys still have it with a 30+ minute classic. There were dives over the top rope, off the top rope, and other tremendous displays of athleticism from guys who hold almost 90 years between them.

You may have sent flowers, sang a song, provided food or said a simple prayer for our family. We would like to thank you from the bottom of our heart for the support, sympathy thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. A special thank you to Dr. Olson and the ladies with Hospice who took excellent care of our father during his illness. Also a special thank you to Gibby, April, Oliver, Walter, and Everett who spoke kind words and sang beautiful songs. He would have been honored. May God bless you all.

The Family of Isaac Keener, Carolyn, Peggy, Tony, Michael and families
Just when I was about to abandon the Hall of Shame for lack of misdeeds by our cable of bimbettes, LL stepped up, like the pro she is, and gets jammed up with Scotland Yard. Something having to do with $400,000 worth of Dior bling that turned up missing. (LOL does stand for Lots of Luck, doesn’t it?) I find it fascinating that, seemingly just minutes after Bill Maher compared her to Obama as in getting a lot of coverage but not doing a whole lot, she does the right thing and finds herself in the middle of a messy situation (her specialty). (Or is it Loads of Love? Oh well, either works). But I digress.

Seems that our lithe, lovely Lindsay (she’s looking mighty bony these days) was doing a photo shoot for E! in London and Dior had loaned the project scads of jewels to adorn her precious Li-Lo. When the dust settled and everyone went home, the jewelry was nowhere to be seen. While she is not publicly a suspect in the heist, as the last person to have worn the baubles, she is certainly getting the attention of the folks at the Yard.

From the Daily News/Gossip department: “It’s not the first time Scotland Yard detectives have been in contact with the Long Island-raised actress (she’s an actress?) over missing jewelry. In 2006, Lohan reported that her Hermes handbag stuffed with jewelry was stolen from her at London’s Heathrow airport. Scotland Yard detectives investigated and determined that Lohan had misplaced the bag, which was returned.” What is it about London and jewels that gets our honey hinky?

By now, you may have suspected that I may be a slightly textually challenged. Quite honestly, the closest I’ve gotten to the loquacious VP predicted would happen. It will be interesting to see what are the orders from headquarters if a confrontation transpires. Maybe we should all drop anchor and talk about it.

There is some heavy duty legislation working its way through Congress. Well, it was working until Shazam, the liberal Congress realized that trillions of dollars don’t grow on trees. Health care reform, that is suspected of transporting banned weapons materials. The enemy is certainly wasting no time testing the resolve of our President as our loquacious VP predicted would happen. It will be interesting to see what are the orders from headquarters if a confrontation transpires. Maybe we should all drop anchor and talk about it.

You know what I think? I think our glorious, statesman like leaders have heard the uproar emanating from the TEA Parties (media reports notwithstanding) and started them thinking about election time. I'm glad something starts them thinking.

Now, as for Waxman-Markey’s American Clean Energy and Security Act (cap-and-trade), that may be acted upon by the House by the time you read this. This sham bill dealing with the world’s greatest hoax is so egregious that even John McCain did a flip-flop on his previous support for global warming legislation and disclosed the absurdity of the thing. Too bad he was about a year late in waking up.

I can’t believe I just saw McCain telling Obama to butch up and come out stronger and yet when I was about to abandon the Hall of Shame for lack of misdeeds by our cable of bimbettes, LL stepped up, like the pro she is, and gets jammed up with Scotland Yard. Something having to do with $400,000 worth of Dior bling that turned up missing. (LOL does stand for Lots of Luck, doesn’t it?) I find it fascinating that, seemingly just minutes after Bill Maher compared her to Obama as in getting a lot of coverage but not doing a whole lot, she does the right thing and finds herself in the middle of a messy situation (her specialty). (Or is it Loads of Love? Oh well, either works). But I digress.
At 1:15 a.m., officers were called to Trillium Circle concerning a noise complaint. The residents agreed to quiet down.

During the week the officers issued 32 citations and responded to 6 alarms.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 17:

June 17
- The dept. responded to a call of a "smell of propane" at Acorn's on Main Street, but there was no apparent problem.
- The dept. responded to an alarm at the Main Street Inn set off by a faulty smoke detector.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Holt Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Holt Road. There was no transport.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call when a man at a residence on Bowery Road fell. He was transported to the hospital.

June 22
- The dept. responded to a single-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 and Sherwood Forest where a car got stuck in a ditch. There were no injuries.
- Around 4 p.m., the Macon County Sheriff Department requested the assistance of the Highlands Fire and Rescue Department to remove a body from a residence on 2512 Dillard Road. Relatives in Chicago, who had been unable to contact the occupant for some time, called the Sheriff's Dept. for assistance. Upon investigation, deputies found the man dead – likely for several months – inside his home. Highlands Fire & Rescue removed the body around 5:15 p.m. and transferred to a Bryant Funeral Home vehicle. The death appears to be natural, but an autopsy is being conduced.

Note:
The Fire & Rescue Department asks that returning residents trim back their driveways and make sure their 911 address is visible.

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There are all sorts of hopeful signs that we are waking up to the devastation we have caused our planet, and the resilience of the earth is amazing. This week is the forty-fifth anniversary of the famous fire on the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, and today after decades of human efforts to change behavior, there is again full of fish, the banks, teeming with life.

Yet I can’t shake the feeling that it’s too late. Life on earth will not disappear during this sixth extinction. We may not even eliminate as high a percentage of species as whatever brought about that end-Permian event. But I am afraid Homo sapiens will be among the species that disappear.

All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com

HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL
28th Season - 2009

Opening Gala: Sunday/Monday, July 5/6
The Eroica Trio
Haydn, Mendelssohn, Brahms

Friday/Saturday, July 10/11
Picnic Concerts with the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet
Laura Ardan, clarinet; John Dee, oboe; Saxton Rose, bassoon
“Winds in the Mountains”

Friday/Saturday, July 17/18
The Biava String Quartet; William Ransom, piano
Beethoven, Mozart, Dvorak

Sunday /Monday, July 19/20
The Biava String Quartet; Miles Hoffman, viola
Haydn, Dvorak, Mendelssohn

Friday/Saturday, July 24/25
Yinzi Kong, viola; Robert Henry, piano
Cecylia Arzewski, violin

Sunday/Monday, July 26/27
Chris Rex, cello; Robert Henry, piano
Debussy, Mussorgsky

Friday/Saturday, July 31/August 1
William Preucil, violin; William Ransom, piano
Valerie von Pechy Whitcup, harp
F. De Sena, electronics; Charae Krueger, cello
Mendelssohn and De Sena

Sunday/Monday August 2/3
William Preucil, violin; Vega String Quartet;
Kate Ransom, violin; Eun Sun Lee, viola;
Charae Krueger, cello
Haydn, Beethoven, Mendelssohn

Final Gala and Dinner: Sunday August 9
The Eroica Trio
Lalo, Cassado, Bernstein, Kreisler

Fall Concert: Saturday, October 10
Vega String Quartet
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H-C Music Festival offers concerts feasts and more

The Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music Festival celebrates its 2009 season with a pair of 200th anniversary milestones – the birth of composer Felix Mendelssohn and the death of Franz Joseph Haydn.

“They are both such singular figures in chamber music that we couldn't let this year pass without honoring their lives and their immortal works,” said Festival Artistic Director Will Ransom.

Mendelssohn's and Haydn's works are scattered throughout the season, which stretches from July 5th to August 9th. In fact, Ransom and The Eroica Trio Solo will perform Haydn's “Piano Sonata in A-B Major” and Mendelssohn’s “Sonata in D Major” at the Season Grand Opening Concerts and Receptions, Sunday and Monday, July 5th and 6th. The Eroica Trio is a festival favorite and this marks the member's first chance to perform as individuals.

Concerts are held at 6 p.m. Fridays and 5 p.m. Sundays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands; and at 5 p.m. Saturdays and Mondays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library.

Buck's Coffee Café on Main Street in Highlands will host a pair of free concerts at 8 p.m. July 8th and 29th. Sara Sant'Ambrogio will perform July 8th and The Vega String Quartet will perform on the 29th.

The festival will stage an outdoor picnic concert at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park (Pine Street Park) in Highlands at Friday, July 10th.

There'll be another at the Zachary-Toibert House in Cashiers Saturday, July 11th. Both concerts start at 5 p.m., and both with features the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet. Tickets are $10 for each event. Bring a picnic, a bottle of wine and a blanket.

The dazzling season climaxes with the Final Gala Concert and Dinner Party, 5 p.m. Sunday, August 9th, at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. It'll feature The Eroica Trio playing trios of Cassado, Lalo, and Bernstein's “West Side Story Suite.” The performance will be followed by a reception and dinner at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club.

For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org.

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12:30pm – Shotgun Start – Scramble
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Thanks to the Cullasaja Club the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Classic has been a great success. Please invest in the future of the children of Highlands and send your entrance fee today.

The Scholarship Fund Golf event is an all-volunteer event with all proceeds deposited in the Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Fund was created in 1987 and now has an investment of over $700,000. Each year the interest earned is given to the Highlands School graduates to help them finance their education at colleges, universities and trade schools. All graduates are eligible regardless of their grade point average and are eligible to reapply each year that they are in school for additional funds.

This is a great cause to support and a way to invest in the future of Highlands children.
By Joseph Litsch

Contrary to the legendary love song “As Time Goes By,” a kiss is not always just a kiss. Right there in the middle of the collection of 1950s nostalgic pop tunes comprising the show, “The Taffetas,” is a big smooch that is much more than it initially appears.

Picture it: 1950s television — enjoying its golden era — and sitting on top of the heap was “The Dinah Shore Show,” a weekly hour-long offering of songs and comedy, starring, of course, the late Tennessee-born pop singer Dinah Shore. She sold millions of records (remember records? 78 and 45 rpm and later LPs) with “Buttons and Bows” and “Dear Hearts and Gentle People (who live in my hometown)” among her most memorable. But she probably was best known for her signature TV signoff: “See....the...USA, in your Chevrolet, America is asking you to call...” Then she would cover her whole mouth with her right hand and blow the whole TV audience a big kiss with “Mmmmmmmmm...wah!”

Now, here’s what makes that special to director Sam Dunaway, now directing his fifth consecutive production for the Highlands Playhouse. Before Sam was born, his dad was a U.S. soldier, drafted and shipped “over there” to put a stop to Hitler’s invasion of Europe. Mr. Dunaway was injured in combat and was hospitalized. One day, into the ward came none other than the aforementioned Dinah Shore, greeting, hugging and encouraging injured soldiers. Then, she sat on Mr. Dunaway’s bed and sang to him. It was a special moment — a little bit of home when those guys needed it so badly.

Three decades passed before Sam was able to say his own “thank you” to Miss Shore. At the time, he was a Crystal Pistol cast member at Six Flags over Georgia and was chosen to appear in Miss Shore’s new TV show, “Someone’s in the Kitchen with Dinah.” This time, he sang to her — a Southern classic from way back: “Rock-a-Bye Your Baby with a Dixie Melody.”

“That kiss was not in the original (‘Taffetas’) script and I told Ricardo (Antonte, choreographer) that we had to put it in. I had to explain to him what it was,” said Sam. Most of the Highlands audiences will recognize the jingle immediately and probably sing along.

That’s okay, too. It’s what makes nostalgia so special. Hearing an old favorite song is like unexpectedly bumping into an old friend, and “The Taffetas” is chock full of old friends — “Tennessee Waltz,” “Mr. Sandman,” “You Belong to Me,” “C’est Si Bon,” “How Much is that Doggie in the Window,” to name but a few.

These “Taffetas,” a fictitious girl group from Muncie, IN, hoping to make it big in a world filled with good girl singers are Amandad Kerridge, Lim Lamison, Camilla Zaepfel and Katherin Turk. Under the musical direction of Damon Goff, another Highlands regular, this quartet has blended unbelievably well. Who needs the McGuire Sisters crooning “Sincerely”?

“It’s a fun show,” said Sam, “and these girls can sing and they can dance and they are just exceptional. I want to people to enjoy it and leave the theater feeling young and more energetic. That’s the kind of shows I like to work on. I love Jerry Herman and his kind of theater.”

Herman, who just this June was presented a lifetime achievement Tony in New York City wrote such landmark musicals as “Hello, Dolly!” “Mame,” “Mack and Mabel” and “La Cage aux Folles.” They were bigger than life and often much more enjoyable. “His shows just make you feel good,” said Sam.

Sam’s journey to get “The Taffetas” ready for the Highlands Playhouse stage began several months ago when he first heard the story about Dinah Shore’s special moment with Mr. Dunaway. He had to use it in his show!

The show opens this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Playhouse, 160 Strawberry Lane. More information can be had by calling Liz View at 526-9743 or by visiting the Playhouse’s Web site, highlandsplayhouse.org.

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Opening night patrons of the Highlands Playhouse this season will be able to sample the fare of New Mountain Events - "Western Carolina's most exciting full-service event production company." As has been the tradition for years, New Mountain Events - and all previous caterers of the Playhouse opening night galas - did the event for free.

eral months when he was asked to direct the show. "I told Henry (Johnson, artistic director) I would, and I made two phone calls and I had the cast in place," he said.

Everything was going quickly and easily — costumes were ordered, wigs were ordered, staging was drawn out, curtain designs were sketched, lighting plans were labeled onto drawings of the stage. Every little movement was documented and entered into Sam’s notebook. Even the Dinah Shore farewell kiss was put right where he knew it should be.

Then came an unexpected stumbling block. Sam was hit with a case of shingles, worsened by an undetected kidney stone — both extremely painful. Together these two ailments combined to cause a serious neurological problem, leaving Sam unable to walk.

“Taffetas” rehearsals were scheduled to begin in three weeks and he was in Piedmont Hospital. He thought he wouldn’t be able to direct it. But, it was only a thought. We had some heartfelt conversations and soon, out came the notebook and the old spirit rose.

Sam was determined that the show must go on.

When June 1 arrived, Sam was there, notebook in hand, ready to go. And, so was everyone else. “I could not have gone better,” Sam said after that first rehearsal. “Everyone was so prepared and so supportive.”

Attribute most of that cast and crew cohesiveness to Sam Dunaway. He’s the glue that holds the pieces together, the engine who drives the train and the conductor who is able to turn simple notes into awesome chords. This ability is the result of his lifetime’s work.

From his Winder, GA, beginnings, music has always been a major part of Sam’s life, whether in church or school. He was a Crystal Pistol cast member for more than five years and then took over musical direction at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lithonia. For “25 years and three months” that little church was treated to big scale musical celebrations whenever special occasions came up. Singer friends and musicians were brought in to enhance the presentations. Special lighting and staging usually seen only in the huge churches were normal at Philadelphia. I suspect, if Sam had been on hand for the original Sermon on the Mount, it would have been a musical.

Now, Sam works part time as a musical assistant at Park Place Baptist Church in Snellville, and he continues to play piano, arrange music for various local productions and direct shows for Highlands Playhouse. To simply say Sam is a perfectionist would make as much sense as saying the Amazon rain forest is damp. Check a dictionary; his picture just may be beside the “perfectionist” entry.

When “The Taffetas” was still several days away from previews, he already was “tweaking. There are always ways to make it better, and I will be tweaking till the last performance,” he said.

But, I personally do not think there is any way to improve on that big kiss — “mmmm wah!” It’s special on so many levels. For Sam’s dad who has since passed away; for Dinah Shore who boosted spirits at a crucial time; and for the audience from Sam himself. I think somewhere Dinah Shore is smiling.

For tickets for “The Taffetas” call the box office at 526-2695.
The Town of Highlands is seeking interested Town residents to serve on the following boards and commissions:

**PLANNING BOARD** – The Planning Board acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. Its primary objective is to promote the orderly growth of the town by investigating, reviewing and making recommendations regarding proposed developments and planning issues, as directed by the Board of Commissioners. It is composed of seven (7) members who typically meet once a month on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Planning Board members serve a two-year term and may serve for two consecutive terms. The position requires the ability to look at projects and issues from many perspectives, analyze such issues, and work with other board members to make informed recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

**APPEARANCE COMMISSION** – The Town is also accepting applications for three possible upcoming positions on the Appearance Commission. It is the responsibility of the Appearance Commission to initiate, promote and assist in the implementation of programs of general community beautification of the town by recommending standards and policies of design. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations regarding aesthetics of projects to be undertaken by non-profit organizations, public agencies, or the Town. It also reviews and makes recommendations on aesthetic issues to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for any proposed project requiring a Special Use Permit that involves a change in building or premises. The Commission is composed of seven (7) members and meets on an as-needed basis on the first Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Applicants for these openings are required to be residents of and live within the town limits of the Town of Highlands.

If you are interested in serving your community in one of the positions, please stop by Town Hall and pick up an application or email Joe Cooley at joe.cooley@highlandsnc.org and I will email you a copy of the application. These are great opportunities to become involved in the community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week Long
• Yoga – All Levels all week at Moonrise Yoga at 464 Carolina Way. Call 828-526-4880. 7/16
• Nantahala Tennis Club at the Rec Park, six days a week at 9 a.m. Public invited.
• BWC Bank. Highlands (225 Franklin Rd.) is selling raffle tickets to win a Weber tabletop 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/nhts.
• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1671.

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 Incan on Main Street. Enter through single door facing mountain Fresh. MM @ 7:30 a.m.; Thurs. @10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128 7/30

Mon., Wed., Fri.
• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 9-9:45 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
• 5-week PAC Film Series at the center on Chestnut Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. Free. Donations appreciated. Upcoming movies: Hilary & Jackie, The Bennie Goodman Story, Fantasia, Unfaithfully Yours, Song of Norway, Sponsored by Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.
• 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.
• Highlands Mountain Top 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 828-526-6777 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 weekly.
• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

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 7 p.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 828 526-2623.

Fridays & Saturdays
• A Bears Eye View, 3 p.m. at Buck’s Coffee Cafe in Cashiers.
• Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts at 5 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org.

Through Saturday, July 5
• At Highlands Playhouse, The Taffetas, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m. everyday except Sunday which is 2 p.m. For ticket prices or more information come by the box office at the Playhouse at 362 Oak Street or call 828-526-2665. Box office hours are Monday through Saturday 10am until 5 p.m.

Through Saturday, July 11
• The Three Potters: Bringle, Hewitt and Stumpmeme exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be June 13 from 5-7 p.m. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

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.

Thursday-Saturday, June 25-27
• Summer Book Sale at the Cashiers Library. Looking to expand your personal library? Stock up on books, DVDs, and CDs at bargain prices says Diane Ray, book sale chairman for the Friends of the Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library.

Thursday, June 25
• Highlands Innkeepers Tour with Souvenir Cookbook, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Begins at the Visitor Center. Visit 15 accommodations and get a free cookbook. For more information, call 828-251-2122.
• Taize services will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.
• A free book signing featuring photographer Reuben Cox will be 4-6:30 p.m. at The Bascom for Cox’s book, “The Work of Joe Webb,” showcasing log cabin builder. Books will be available for purchase. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.
• The Cashiers writers group “Royal Scrubbers” invites local writers to give a five minute reading of poetry, prose, essay or short story 3 p.m. at Buck’s Coffee Cafe in Cashiers on the Crossroads. Ample parking back of cafe. Register by sending a note with contact information to: Cashiers Writers Group, P.O.B. 2145, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Saturday June 27
• Pancake Breakfast with all the fixings at the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of Buck Knob Road and North Carolina Highway 106 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.
• At the Herr House at 488 E. Main Street, Table Top Dressing with Amy Mackey from Park Designs, 10-5 p.m. Drawing for Prizes.
• At PAC, 7:30 p.m. The Dappled Graves Atlanta’s Bluegrass Band. The Dappled Graves were named Best Bluegrass Band in Atlanta by Creative Loafing Magazine and have been featured in Flatpicking Guitar Magazine. They’ve had several original songs played on MTV. They’ve also had the opportunity to share the stage with some of the biggest names in acoustic music, including the Del McCoury Band, Mountain Heart, Ronnie Bowman, Larry Cordle, and David Grier. The Dappled Graves are focused on creating an original, distinctive sound fueled by their exceptional songwriting and musical ability. Tickets $10. Call 526-9047.

Sunday, June 28
• The Cashiers writers group “Royal Scrubbers” invites local writers to give a five minute reading of poetry, prose, essay or short story 3 at Buck’s Coffee Cafe in Cashiers on the Crossroads. Ample parking back of cafe. Register by sending a note with contact information to: Cashiers Writers Group, P.O.B. 2145, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Wednesday, July 1
• The Planning Board of the Town of Highlands, will hold a public information meeting between 3:30 and 5:30 at the Community Center, regarding the Parking/Circulation Study. Terry Snow from Wilbur Smith Associates will make a presentation on the preferred alternative developed with the town’s advisory committee. Members of the committee will be there to answer questions and take written comments from the public. Those comments will be compiled and presented to the Town Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board as part of the consultant’s presentation later that evening at 7:00 p.m. The presentation to the boards will only be for presentation, no action will be taken at this time. It is purely a presentation by the
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Salute to America** July 4 at 1st Pres.

At the First Presbyterian Church, The Martin Lipscombe Performing Arts Center Male Chorus presents “A Salute to America” a patriotic mini-concert at 8 p.m. Featuring Larry Black on trumpet and Angie Jenkins on organ. It’s free.

Sun.–Mon., July 5–6.
• Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival opens the season with The Ensio Trio performing Haydn’s Piano Sonata in A Major and Mendelssohn’s Sonata in D Major at PAC. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org.

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Sat-Sun: 1, 4, 7, 10

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Rated PG-13
Mon-Fri: 4:15, 7, 9:15

Sat-Sun: 2, 4:15, 7, 9:15

UP
Rated PG
Mon-Fri: 4:10, 7:05, 9:10

Sat-Sun: 2:05, 4:10, 7:05, 9:10

**LAND OF THE LOST**
Rated PG
Mon-Fri: 7:15

Sat-Sun: 2:15, 7:15

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2**
Rated PG
Mon-Fri: 4:20, 9:20

Sat-Sun: 4:20, 9:20

Starting Wednesday July 1

ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS
Rated PG

**PUBLIC ENEMIES**
Rated R

**Cyrano’s BOOKSHOP**

Upcoming Book Signings
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June 27
1-3 p.m.

Reuben Cox
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3-5 p.m.

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TBA

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Walk in the Park’ set for June 27-28

“A Walk in the Park” beginning at 4 p.m., the 10th annual “Walk in the Park” will be presented by the Highlands Historical Society at Memorial Park, the Town’s cemetery, on June 26 and 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The walk circles through Memorial Park, stopping to learn the Town’s history as illustrated by the personal histories of some of its most interesting former residents. The same program will be offered at the Performing Arts Center on Sunday, June 28 from 4-6 p.m. for anyone who would prefer to sit while learning about Highlands’ history. This year the Walk will celebrate seven important contributors to Highlands. Tickets are on sale at Cyrano’s Book Store or may be purchased at the event. Tickets are $15. Wendy Diamond will portray Mary Smith Chapin who lived in the home that now houses Wolfgang’s on Main.

Storytellers at PAC

On July 2, at PAC, Woodlore and Wildwoods Wisdom Stories, Songs and Lore Celebrating the Natural World, at 7:30 p.m. Whether he’s singing about catfish, pontificating on possums, extolling the virtues of dandelions, pondering the “nature” in human nature, telling wild snake tales or wailing out a jivey harmonica tune, storyteller Doug Elliott, will take you on an unforgettable, multifaceted cultural tour of the Appalachian back country. He performs a lively concert of amazing tales, lively tunes, traditional lore, outrageous personal narratives, and fact stranger than fiction. and more than a few belly laughs. Tickets $15. Call 526-9047.

The Vega String Quartet by The Vega String Quartet at 8 p.m. It’s a songstress who creates music of hope and healing indeed fortunate to host this one-night engagement of a master of writing and performing songs of courage and inspiration. 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

Friday and Saturday, July 24 & 25

• 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.

• 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 one sale at the church for $25. You can order tickets over the phone 828-526-2968 (we take MasterCard or Visa) or you can come by the church on the corner of 5th and Main Street. You can select tours times of 10, 11, 12, or 1 and purchase tickets from the church office. Everyone must meet at the Macon Bank Gazebo to get a pass for the tour.

Rotary Annual July 4th BBQ

The 4th of July, barbeque and the Rotary Club of Highlands is a winning recipe. Barbeque is available at the Highlands Community Building – next to the ball park where children’s entertainment will begin at 10. Come inside, eat inside, or outside overlooking the ball park or just drive through Rotary’s outdoor stand near the building. Barbeque pork and chicken slowly cooked over the grill will be available along with hot dog platters from 11 am to 2 pm. Served with colelaw, corn on the cob, chips and a canned drink, it’s a complete meal. Barbeque pork and chicken sandwich platters are $8 and hot dog platters are $6. Barbeque pork by the pound is $12 – think about barbeque served at your home Saturday night on the 4th. These same items will also be available from Rotary’s tent at Bryson’s Parking lot – next to the Post Office and at the Highlands Ball Park.
The Call of the Christ

My dear Christian friend, you must understand that there is a strong and urgent call on your life as one who name the name of Jesus Christ. That call is for you to go forth into the world and be like Christ in everything you do. There are few people who live in total isolation, most everyone is in the view of others a great deal of the time. Most of you have jobs that require you to work around others. You are watched; your words are heard; your lives examined—taken apart minute by minute. There are the eagle-eyed critics, the argumentative and divisive people who are always ready to pounce on anything you say or do that is not quite right.

As a Christian you must live the life of Jesus Christ in public to the best of your ability. You must take great care to exhibit your Lord’s will and not your own. When you begin to do this you will be able to say, “It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me.”

But this should not be something reserved only for public consumption. You must be careful to take this same attitude into your church. It is so very important that you be like Christ in church. How many of us see in the church that act like Diotrephes, III John 9, “I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us.” There are many within the walls of the church who try to be first and exercise power over others, instead of remembering the fundamental rule for all within the church: all men are equal under Jesus Christ. Colossians 3:11, “Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all and is in all.” Carry out the example of Christ in your church and men will notice and declare of you, “Jesus lives in his heart.”

There is one other place you need to carefully live like Christ and that is in your home. A well ordered and Godly home is the best testimony of piety in your life. We are not talking about your chapel but your home. Your minister will not be the best judge of your life nor your friends, your teachers will not nor your fellow students, your boss will not nor your fellow workers, the best judge of your life will be your fellow companions in your home. It will be your mate, your children that will know best your character. A good man, a true believer will work to improve his home. Rowland Hill once said he could never believe a man to be a true believer, if his wife, children, servants and even the animals under his care were not the better for their relationship with him. If your home does not testify to being better because of your love for Jesus Christ, then you must stop and examine your heart and your relationship with Christ for something is missing. If others do not see your home and recognize the love and support it gives to all within its walls, then do not be deceived the grace of God is not there.

My dear friends, you must work to show your godliness in your family. Let it be said of you that you have a practical religion. Let it be understood by all that your home is founded on grace and mercy. Take care with your character there, for what you show yourself to be in the confines of your home is what you really are.

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. Erbelding, 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
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/im Murphy; Office – 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to the ballfield in Highlands
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.cbcbighlands.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 Men’s Bible Study
Wed.: 5:30 Dinner; 6pm AWANA, Youth Activities
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
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 RM. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 PM. 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
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
526-6376
Sun.: School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.;
5 p.m. Youth Group
Wed: Supper; 6:15 - children, youth, & adults studies; 6:15 - Adult choir
(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
Thurs:12:30 - Women’s Bible Study (nursery)
HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
Chaplain Margaret Howell
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group
9:30 a.m; Men’s Bible study – 10:30
HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.
LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WILDSOOD
Kay Ward-743-5009
Sundays: 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day
Old Fashioned Hymn-Sing
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Matt Shuler, (828) 526-8425
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir - 6 p.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.
MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE
St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Franklin
828-369-9270 or 828-293-6197
OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Dejan 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 Szemore
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.
SHORTSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
85 Sierra Drive • 828-524-6777
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Child Care - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Youth from 8th - 12th grades meet the second Sunday
of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.
WHITESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from June 8. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 8
- Officers were called about an open door at a business in Mallard Square. Officers secured the building.

June 16
- At 7:10 a.m., officers performed a welfare check at the Hampton Inn.
- At 4:15, a gas drive-off valued at $74.50 was reported at an area gas station.

June 17
- At 1:20 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Dogwood Lane where a person was having a diabetic reaction and acting irregularly.
- At 8:45 a.m., officers responded to an alleged assault at a residence on Choctaw Lane.

June 18
- At 1:21 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a residence on Hickory Street. Residents agreed to quiet down.
- At 9 p.m., officers responded to a complaint of a dog barking at an apartment on Main Street.
- At 4 p.m., officers were called about a tree across the Dillard Road.

June 19
- At 9:10 a.m., officers were called to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 and Laurel Street.

June 20
- At 11:45 a.m., officers were called to a residence on Biscuit Rock Road concerning a suspicious vehicle in the area.
- At 2:20 p.m., a purse found on Main Street was turned into the police department.

June 21
- At 12:00, officers were called to a residence on Foreman Road where someone had vandalized property by putting dirt on top of an underground gas tank.
- At 12:30 p.m., an open door was reported at a residence on Foreman Road.
- At 4 p.m., a suspicious person was reported at a residence on Dillard Road.
- At 3 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Myly Speed Road to assist the Sheriff's Dept.
- At 3:25 p.m., officers were called to the Rec Park over a dispute between employees.
- At 1:31 p.m., officers were called concerning a tree across the road at Holt Circle.
- At 3:25 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Oak Lane involving a dispute.

June 22
- At 4:23 p.m., a gas drive-off valued at $20 was reported at the Stop and Shop in U.S. 64 east.
- At 3:30 p.m., the larceny of a trailer registration plate from a vehicle parked at a resident on Dillard Road was reported.
- At 8:20 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Sherwood Forest.
- At 2:39 p.m., officers were asked to conduct a welfare check at a residence on the Dillard Road.

June 23
- At 3 p.m., officers responded to a call about harassing phone calls received by employees at RBC Bank where the solicitor on the phone was trying to get people to pose for a magazine shoot.
- At 8:30 p.m., officers responded to a call for service to a residence on Dillard Road where a trespasser was trying to steal an Internet signal via his laptop.
- At 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang-up at Mountain High Lodge.

June 24
- At 9 p.m., officers responded to a complaint of a dog barking at an apartment on Main Street.
- At 12:01 a.m., officers were called to a residence on Hickory Street. Residents agreed to quiet down.

How to Solve:

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these Across/Down words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a row, column or cell.

**Mystery Word:**
Remained

**Across**
1. Facile (4)  
2. Man’s Name (3)  
3. But still (3)

**Down**
4. Advertisement (abbr.) (2)  
5. Affirmative (3)

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**OBJECT:**
A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, 3x2 cells in the puzzle layout have the same different letters. (This is similar to Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers.)

**The Setup:**
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equaling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

**The Challenge:**
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

**Email:** pseudocube8@aol.com.

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**Solution to #AZ1A in June 18 issue**

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**Solution to June 18 Hex-a-Ku**
Two AWESOME events at Ruka's Table July 2-4

On July 2 and 3, artist Steve Penley, whose work is displayed at Ruka’s Table on Main Street in Wright Square, will be selling his work and signing copies of his book “The Reconstruction of America.” On Thursday, July 2, it’s a dinner affair from 5-8 p.m. and on Friday, July 3, it’s a lunch affair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On July 4th, celebrate America’s Independence Day at Ruka’s Table in Wright Square with blues from The Robbie Ducey Band, barbecue by the Highlands Smokehouse and of course, brews. Small plates will also be available from the Ruka’s Table menu. Watch the fireworks from the Wright Square parking lot which will be roped off for the affair. Tickets are $25 inclusive. Barbecue and brew begin at 5 p.m., and the band starts up at 7. Tickets for patrons of Log Cabin who wish to attend the July 4th affair after dinner at the Cabin are $15.

Artwork, book signing, blues, BBQ and brews part of an exciting July 4 lineup of events at Ruka’s Table in Wright Square.
After visiting Highlands for eight years, we moved here two years ago from Savannah, GA. We have a 9-year-old daughter Olivia. Josh was telecommuting (working from home) with his past employer and I was also working remotely for my family’s company. Josh’s telecommunications experience spans over 15 years. He spent the past 9 years in wireless billing systems. Before that he worked in Fiber Optics and US Army communications.

I have some retail background, but I am a certified Art Teacher (I taught art for 10 years in public schools and on the college level). When we learned Josh’s job was coming to an end, we knew we had to do something in order to stay in Highlands.

Josh and I purchased the Radio Shack May 1, 2009. We thought it would be a good fit with his electronics and technology background and my retail experience. Most importantly we love helping people. Concerning technology, we felt there was a need for quality customer service in Highlands.

Our goal is for customers to find what they need, even if it’s only advice and answers, without having to go down the mountain or order online without any personal service. We plan to expand home entertainment inventory and feature a showroom with larger flat panel TV’s and components. We are now the exclusive dealer for AT&T wireless, and soon to be the exclusive dealer for Jitterbug phones. We also provide calling cards and prepaid wireless, iPod, SIRIUS radio, and DISH Network. We carry more than batteries. We specialize in Computers, Computer Service, TV’s, and Gaming accessories. If it’s ELECTRONIC, we’ve got it! If it’s service you need, especially on-site, we aim to please!

Radio Shack is located at the Falls on Main next door to Highlands Wine and Cheese.