**Town to construct dog park at Rec Park**

A park just for dogs and their people will soon be incorporated on Rec Park property, but the vote didn’t come easily nor was it unanimous.

At the May 19 Town Board meeting, commissioners heard a presentation by the Dog Park Committee, which worked with the town’s Recreation Committee to find a suitable place on town property for a dog park, to design the park and to outline rules and regulations concerning the park.

With a 3 to 2 vote, the board agreed to supply the land, and pay to construct the park with town crews and some outside contract work for no more than $17,000. The estimated cost to construct the park using town crews came in at $17,339.

The dog park will be located on the back northwest corner of the Rec Park which is bordered by the Rec Park paved parking lot and the Rec Park gravel lot off Foreman Road and will include the picnic shelter area.

**Schiffli’s Google doodle puts Highlands on the map**

When looking back, almost everyone traces inspiration to a teacher and it’s likely Bevan Schiffli, a junior at Highlands School, will credit art teacher Sallie Taylor for urging her and her classmates to enter Google’s “Doodle 4 Google” contest — an act that has made Bevan, well, a little famous.

“Mrs. Taylor actually made it a requirement for all of us in the Art III class to do a doodle,” said Bevan. “I actually put off doing the project until the day it was due, but I remembered that she told us to keep pushing ourselves forward and good things will eventually come. Then it took me two days to complete my piece.”

Taylor submitted six entries and then everyone waited.

Last week, Taylor learned that of the 33,000 submissions from across the nation, Bevan’s design entitled “Branch Out” was selected.

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Highlands Schools Bevan Schiffli with Kate Stonich, Google Trainer and Lisa Landsman, Google Agency Relations Leader, in front of Bevan’s Google Doodle that has placed her in the Top 40 finals in the “Doodle for Google” contest. 

*Photo by Jim Lewicki*

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**Victory claimed in latest Bowery Road case**

Both sides claimed victory at the latest Bowery Road trial which ended May 12.

In The Town of Highlands vs. Mildred Johnson the jury handed down a verdict of $43,881 last week.

“She wanted $149,000, so I guess the outcome was good for the town,” said Town Attorney Bill Coward.

In addition to the verdict, the landowners in the Bowery Road condemnation cases get 6% interest per year from when the case was filed — which was in 2004 — on all amounts over the town’s deposit per case, which was $1,000.

“The total amount Johnson gets is about $65,000,” said Coward. “If the verdict had been the $149,000 she wanted, she would’ve gotten approximately $224,000, so again, I think the town came out well.”

Likewise, Johnson’s attorney, Scott Jones with Cloninger, Barr, Searson, Jones of Asheville, said he is pleased with the outcome. “We did pretty well,” said Jones.

**Resident loses ZBA appeal**

The appeal of a decision made by the Highlands Zoning Administrator was lost by a resident on Holt Road who was cited for erecting an illegal building in the R1-ETJ district.

At the May 12 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, members heard the violations cited by the zoning department — placement of a manufactured home on the R1-ETJ and failure to get a zoning certificate from the town prior to construction, renovation, alteration, repair, moving or demolition of any existing building.

The town contends that WJ Peacock of 70 Holt Road set up a permanent park-model home one of four pads in a RV park on Holt Road. The park’s use was grandfathered as a non-conforming use because it was established prior to ETJ.

Peacock contended that the buildings an RV and not a manufactured home, though the structure has been secured by a concrete curtain and utilities have been perm
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Michelle Marie Cutshaw

Michelle Marie Cutshaw, 48, of Franklin, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

She was born May 5, 1962, in Toledo, Ohio. She was the devoted daughter of James “Gene” Cutshaw and Elaine and Mark Baldwin. Michelle loved to garden and enjoyed crafts and painting. She lived life to the fullest and was a caring friend and family member. She was a loving caregiver to her pets Petie and Baby.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother, Chris Cutshaw and wife Gerri of Highlands; her sisters, Kim Triebe of Highlands and April Metz and husband Carey of Houston, Texas. She was the favorite aunt of Krystal Durden, Ali and Hunter Cutshaw; Cole, Canon, Everett and Grady Metz.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Macon Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Highlands-Cashiers Humane Society, PO Box 638, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.co.

Sam Zachary

Sam Zachary, age 67, of Highlands, NC, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Bert and Callie Talley Zachary. He was a Property Manager for Sweetwater Farms, and was also a Building Contractor. He was a founding member of Dry Ridge Hunting Club, and was a retired member of Highlands Fire and Rescue after 25 years service. He was a US Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War, and was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. Sam was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Frances Irene McCall Zachary; two daughters, Jennifer Zachary Buchanan and husband Chad of Clayton, GA and Priscilla Zachary Young and husband Greg of Franklin, NC; two sisters, Jessie Manley of Highlands, NC and Elizabeth “Tib” Swafford of Mountain Rest, SC; two grandchildren, Hollis Meyer and McKayla Buchan also survive.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles Zachary, Harley Zachary, Mike “Lard” Zachary, and George “Scrubby” Zachary.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 am at Pine Grove Baptist Church, with Rev. Greg Rogers and Rev. Walter Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Members of Dry Ridge Hunting Club will serve as pallbearers and members of Highlands Fire and Rescue will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Moriah Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Owens, 21 Pine Cone Drive, Franklin, NC 28734.

For more information call Fran Wilson at 526-1593.

Flood Victims of TN need HELP!

A truck loaded with items destined for the flood victims of Tennessee is leaving Highlands June 6.

Everything is needed, specifically: Bibles (new or used) and inspirational books, personal hygiene products, non-perishable foods, household items including new linens and towels, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, gently used appliances, cleaning supplies including paper towels and garbage bags; dog and cat food, animal bowls, shampoo, litter and litter pans, leashes, collars, gallon-sized water jugs, carriers, kennels, pet beds, pet toys, all kinds of clothing including new undergarments and socks, and gift cards for specific retailers and phone cards.

Drop-off locations for donations are Reeve’s Ace Hardware, Whiskers, Highlands Pharmacy, Highlands Office Supply, High Country Photo, Dusty’s, Highlands Paint & Decorating, Animal Wellness Hospital, Wholesome Down, The Dry Sink, Big D 240 (Old 64 Stop & Shop), Main Street Pharmacy, Farmer’s Market, Whole Life.

Donation deadline is Thursday, June 3. For more information call Fran Wilson at 526-1593.
Mopey Dick (Maybe you know one?)

Here's another of my wonderful children’s stories about a young, lazy, good for nothing overweight sperm whale that did nothing but float around all day and gorge himself on plankton. Mopey never exercised or did anything useful... kinda like Republicans.

Do you have a Mopey Dick hanging round your house? Even worse, are you a Mopey Dick yourself? If so, read this uninspiring story.

Once upon a time in an ocean far, far away, there lived a lazy, young sperm whale named Mopey Dick. Actually his loving parents, Bart and Mabel Dick, named him after the famous legendary white whale, Moby Dick, of Captain Ahab fame.

Bart Dick could trace his bloodlines all the way back to the 1800s when the real Moby Dick swam the planet, probably when King Kong lived. If you believe any of this, I have valuable property in Florida’s Everglades to sell you at a dramatically reduced price.

And for those who have been living on Mars... or worse, Otto, be aware that this horribly long, boring drawn out novel I was forced to read my first year of high school for reasons I still don’t understand, is about a wacko captain who became obsessed with capturing a giant white whale named Moby Dick.

For Bart Dick, who would name a whale Moby Dick? I’m sure there were Freudian reasons behind this. The novel was written by a scary guy named Herman Melville. Stop right there. Remember, children, never trust anyone named Herman. Do you remember “Pee-Wee Herman”? Now there’s a surlily guy who, if he had been born a sperm whale, would have been named “Weenie Whale” but that’s another story.

Anyway, back to our story. Mopey’s real name was, in fact, Moby, but when all the Dicks in the family saw how lazy and worthless Moby was, they nicknamed him Mopey. Is that fun, or what? Can you say Mopey Dick three times real fast? Listen carefully to my story, children, for there’s a lesson to be learned here. It just might be very good to be.

Still, Mopey was too lazy to be bothered and continued to lay near the surface scarifying plankton. One by one the whales left the surface, disappearing to the bottom of the ocean, like summer people leaving Highlands in October. Poof, they’re gone. Bart and Mabel called for Mopey but he was too busy getting plucked.

Then, without warning, the sailors fired their harpoon cannons at the Dicks, sending deadly spears into Mopey’s side. Bart and Mabel saw this and dove for cover. Mopey didn’t budge. He had so much blubber on him he didn’t feel the harpoons strike him. The sailors were astonished to see their harpoons didn’t get past his blubber. I know some people like that, don’t you?

Mopey turned toward the ship and shot them a fin. At that instant, more harpoons were fired into Mopey’s blubber. This time Mopey flipped his tail into the air, laughed at the sailors and dove to the bottom of the ocean with over a half dozen harpoons hanging on him. All the Dick family, including both white and sperm whales, gathered round Mopey to see such a sight. Mopey’s blubber had saved him.

Soooo, little ones, repeat after me. “Blubber is good... more French fries, please.” And remember this. When you get spanked, it doesn’t hurt half as bad as when that boney little kid next door gets spanked. Also, if you do get spanked, call me for the Family Abuse Center hotline telephone number. Everyone who works there is a Mopey Dick.
Mountain City, Georgia has a reputation as a speed trap. I was driving through Mountain City twice a day several times a week. I’ve never been stopped, and I’ve seen relatively few cars being pulled. Mountain City is OK with me. I’ve seen two arrests in the last three weeks, but neither had anything to do with trapping speeders.

Bull and I entered Mountain City from the south. As we rounded the bend at the south end of town, we saw a State Trooper ahead of us. As I slowed to match his pace, an SUV sped past me. Then he passed the police car. He sped right past him without ever hitting the brakes. I told Bull that was the stupidest guy in the world, and for a minute, one of the luckiest. Maybe the Trooper was as startled as I by the brazen disregard for the law. It was disregard for the cop in front of him more than ignoring posted limits that astounded me.

A moment later the officer turned on his blue light and signaled the idiot to the side of the road. What did he expect? Maybe he thought the policeman would admire his courage so much that he’d ask him to be keynote speaker at the state convention, or ask him to be grand marshal at the Christmas parade. Of course not. He busted him. He had no choice. The honor of the force hung in the balance.

Law enforcement depends more on our respect of apparatus than in our respect for law or safety. Its goal is to make the fear of apprehension than in our respect for casualty. Though most of us would not choose to have ourselves a cause of blues, Mr. Davis and Mr. Strauss this cause would strongly espouse. And it was not done at all meanly, in fact, it was done most seamy. They weren’t the first, granted, to facilitate our being panted, but at the risk of being overly wordy I must praise them, because they made them very sturdy. They had a vision, a plan, a dream, to make some clothes out of verve de Nimes, and have a strong and lasting garment, so well made that nothing could harm it, but what they did different, and this is pivotal, at critical junctions decided to rivet all. If you were these today and think you seem cool, thank these guys who improved the jean pool.

Its reputation preceeds it

Mountain City is a small town in Georgia with a reputation as a speed trap. The author recounts an incident where he was driving through the area, and encountered a state trooper who pulled over a driver for speeding. The trooper, however, did not stop and continued driving, despite being signaled to do so. This incident highlights the common occurrence of drivers disregarding traffic laws, and the subsequent enforcement efforts by law enforcement agencies. The author and his companion, Bull, were not stopped during their travels through Mountain City, despite witnessing two arrests in the recent past. The author reflects on the importance of respecting law enforcement apparatus, as it serves to deter individuals from committing lawless acts. This is a poignant reminder of the role that law enforcement plays in maintaining public safety and order. The incident described in the text emphasizes the need for a strong and lasting garment, metaphorically represented by the improved denim, to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals.
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Back in the USA
By Michelle A. Mead-Ar

I got my ears pierced so that I could go on The Pill. Honestly, you can't make up this sort of thing. It was 1969 - April of my freshman year at Mary Washington. I was dating a senior at UVA. I don't mean to cast aspersions on that fine institution, but UVA seniors on dates generally don't content themselves to holding hands and looking longingly at the moon. Remember the Sixties? That was before the AIDS crisis, when the worst thing a good girl from a nice family could do was get pregnant. We even had an expression for it in high school: "She went to visit her aunt in Ohio, " folks would whisper. Months later, the girl in question would return, sadder but wiser. No one ever asked what consequences - if any - befell the young man.

Hanging around in my dorm, I'd overheard two conversations. I was in a dorm full of seniors, so the facts of life were delivered in a pretty crude form. One girl had gone on The Pill, and had to go back two weeks later to make sure it wasn't making her sick. Another girl had just gotten her ears pierced, and had to go back in two weeks to make sure her ears weren't infected. "Ah-ha! I thought, having a light bulb moment.

The next time I came home for a school break, I announced my intentions to Maman. "I'd like to get my ears pierced. All the other college girls are doing it!" My mother looked at me in stunned silence. First of all, the argument of "all the other kids are doing it!" never worked in our house, since my parents thought the children of most other households were sluts, juvenile delinquents, or worse, disrespectful to their parents. Secondly, I had only recently decried the fad of pierced ears, stating that it made young women look like "Portuguese concierges," since up to then, most of the women with pierced ears I'd met were maids or housekeepers in Paris.

Despite her misgivings, Maman drove me to a local jeweler, where I picked out a pair of plain earrings. Then it was off to Dr. Anderson, our family doctor since I was a small girl. New in town in the early 1950s, we had picked out a doctor by looking in the Waynesboro phonebook. Dr. Anderson, being an "A," was the first on the list. I wonder if we ever told him that my name was called, and I was ushered in to see the doctor. He swabbed my ears with sterile solution, pierced my ears, and inserted the tiny gold studs. "I'd like to go on The Pill!" I blurted. "Excuse me?" he looked at me, puzzled. "I'd like to go on The Pill!" I waited, bursting into tears. "You mean, you didn't want to get your ears pierced at all? You just got them done so you could seem normal?" he uttered, in amazement. I nodded miserably. He couldn't resist a chuckle. After all, it was a rather absurd situation. I explained to him that our family was not immune to shotgun weddings (not my parents, may I hasten to add!), and I did not want to bring shame and scandal to them.

Dr. Anderson patted my hand, and said the words I'll never forget. "I'd rather you come to me and be embarrassed, than to come to me and be pregnant." He reached for his prescription pad, and wrote out a prescription for The Pill. He handed it over with a kindly look, completely lacking in any kind of judgment or disapproval. "Do you talk to your mother?" he asked. "Oh, not about sex!" I blurted. And in that, I didn't think I was very different from many girls my age. Maman and I had never had "The Talk." In fact, the closest we'd ever come to it was one day when she said, "If you ever have any questions about sex, just ask me." I had replied that I didn't know enough to ask questions, and she'd left it at that.

So, there I was - armed with my prescription, and too mortified to fill it at any of the local pharmacies. Fortunately, I had a male friend - just a friend - a nerdy guy from UVA who had a huge crush on me. Resigned as he was to permanent buddy status, he hung out a lot, when I wasn't dating The Senior. He offered to go up to the counter, and drop off the prescription for me. We lurked around the store, pretending to read greeting cards. It was all very cloak and dagger. Finally, the PA system boomed. "Mr. Mead to the Pharmacy. Mr. Mead to the Pharmacy." Good buddy picked up my prescription, joined me and the two of us raced out of the store as if we'd just held up the cash register. Supposedly, the pharmacist had smirked, knowing that my partner in crime was no more Mr. Mead than the man in the moon.

I got back to Mary Washington, and opened the bag from the pharmacy. Whew!
Chicago Hope

Now that Lebron James and his merry band of underachievers have been ousted from the NBA Playoffs, the big question for the summer has to do with where King James will play basketball next season.

Lebron’s free agency is one of the biggest stories in sports, mainly because Lebron is a once in a lifetime athlete and the current face of the NBA. (Meanwhile, all Kobe does is win—but that’s another matter for a different column.)

Lebron’s options for a destination are rumored to include New York, Los Angeles (Clippers) and staying in Cleveland. However, another option that has recently been rumored is the Windy City, where the Bulls will have the cap room to pay James the exorbitant salary that he commands.

While New York and LA must be intriguing for James—particularly because he is the largest US cities can bring—the fact is that both of those franchises would depend upon James to be what he is right now in Cleveland.

For years, the Cavs have been a one-man army good enough to dominate in the regular season but not good enough to win the playoff wars. The rosters of the Knicks and Clippers are very similar to the rosters in Cleveland—full of servicable players but no Robin to Lebron’s Batman. Chicago, on the other hand, comes tailor-made for James to step in and win a title immediately. Chicago has the best PG in the east in Derrick Rose, and they have a warrior in the paint in Joakim Noah. If Chicago manages to sign Lebron and get a big body in the draft, they are looking at a long run of domination in the east.

The real question for James is whether or not he is looking to try and win titles or if he is trying to be a celebrity. It seems to me that Lebron loves performing particularly because he is capable of jaw-dropping athletic feats. However, when the chips are down, he sets for jump shots or defers to his teammates because he is unwilling to force the issue.

While many people praise him for being unselish, there is a certain killer instinct that superstars have to have in order to achieve greatness. If indeed Lebron does not have that killer instinct naturally, he can still become the champion that he wants to be if he can surround himself with teammates that will answer the bell when he defers to them.

James witnessed the leadership and finishing ability of Derrick Rose first hand this year in the playoffs against Chicago. Rose is the type of player who elevates his game when the spotlight shines brightest. Pair Rose with James and you have a combination that can be consistently excellent thanks to the dominance of Lebron as well as excellent in the playoffs thanks to the dutch ability of Rose.

One more thing about Chicago—it is likely not lost on all of us that Chicago is synonymous with Michael Jordan. If Lebron truly wants to stake a claim to being the greatest of all time—he needs to meet the challenge head on.

... HIS & HERS continued from page 6

What a lot of drama for such tiny pills. I began to take them religiously, putting on ten pounds in the process. At least, I didn’t get pregnant. Two months later, my senior from UVA graduated, and dumped me like a hot potato. He moved back to Virginia Beach, and I never heard from him again. Oh, well. At least I’d spared the Mead family a shotgun wedding and the deception that families do when they lie about wedding dates and birthdays, and then have to remember the lie. It was the first time I’d done something about my health that didn’t involve my parents. It was an awkward start, but it was a start.

Years later, Maman would tell me about a conversation she’d had with Dr. Anderson several months later. “Do you and Michiel talk?” he’d inquired. Maman replied the way most mothers would. “Oh, Michiel tells me a lot,” she’d said. “Then I just guess.”

About the Author: Michelle A. Mead-Armor is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She and her husband live on top of a mountain on the Continental Divide near Highlands. They are members of the Highlands Writers Group. She has had pereod ears for 42 years, and is very pleased to have them, all things considered.
in her design of two bare trees, Bevan used colored pencils to draw the limbs and branches which intertwined to spell the word "GOOGLE." She says the trees symbolizes her hometown, her life’s yearning and the love she has for her family. “I really enjoy drawing trees, so I wanted to come up with something that would work with the theme of the contest, which was ‘If I could do anything, I would...’” said Bevan. “I chose ‘Branch Out’ because I thought I could relate the trees to my interest in experiencing other cultures and ways of life, while not forgetting my hometown of Highlands, which I portrayed with the heart that the two trees form in my piece. The trees are the perfect representation of my desires and interests to ‘branch out.’”

Now that Google has selected 10 regional winners from each school grade category – K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 – a total of 40 – the public is asked to vote online at http://www.google.com/doodle4google/vote.html through May 25 at 5 p.m. for the entry of its choice. Bevan’s entry is in the grade 10-12 category and she represents Region 4. After May 25, the votes will be tallied and four national finalists and the national winner will be announced at an awards ceremony in New York City on May 26. The national winner’s doodle will appear on Google.com on May 27 and the winner gets a $15,000 college scholarship, a lap top computer, a Wacom digital design tablet, and a shirt printed with his/her doodle on it. The winner’s school also gets a $25,000 grant towards the establishment/improvement of a computer lab. Each of the other three National Finalists get a laptop computer, a Wacom digital design tablet, and a shirt printed with his/her doodle on it. The winner’s school also gets a $25,000 grant towards the establishment/improvement of a computer lab.

Google representatives Kate Stonich, Google Trainer and Lisa Landsman, Agency Relations Leader, presented Bevan with stickers and a design tablet and a t-shirt printed with his/her doodle on it. "We are here to honor Bevan’s accomplishment on her amazing doodle," they said. Bevan said this experience has set the precedent that anyone, even someone from the small town of Highlands, can pursue their dreams and go far.

"I really hope this inspires more people from my school and community to just keep shooting for what they want and continue to do what they enjoy, because they will see good things come to them," said Bevan. At the assembly Tuesday, Bevan said "she felt famous right now!" "Thanks you guys, for all your support," she said to her school and home family. "People hear their whole lives without getting opportunities such as this one and I feel unbelievably lucky to get to savor this experience," said Bevan. "I never thought anything like this would ever happen to me, but here I am now, experiencing exactly the thing like this would ever happen to me, but I am more excited than I am," she said. Google’s mission is to organize world information and make it universally accessible and useful, but it might ad opening the world and all it has to offer to students like Bevan. Said Bevan, "Believe it or not, I think my dad is even more excited than I am!"
When You Have an Emergency … Time is Really What Matters

Time will either be your friend or your enemy depending upon what your problem is, but let’s face it, we all want time on our side if something happens to us while we’re here on the Highlands-Cashiers plateau. **So why is it when some people have a medical emergency that their first reaction is “I want to go home to my doctor” even if that doctor is hundreds of miles away?**

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“Heart Attack Care at HCH”
John F. Baumrucker, MD, Board Certified Physician

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., with over one million people suffering from heart attacks annually. For many people, this life-changing event may begin with a crushing pain starting in the center of the chest. It might spread to the shoulders, neck or arms and may be mild or intense. However, not all attacks involve such symptoms and might be more gradual. Whether someone is experiencing the above or other unusual symptoms, it is vital that they seek medical attention as soon as possible.

At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital the Emergency Room is ready 24/7, to provide emergency care for someone who may be experiencing a heart attack. “Time is muscle,” said Dr. Baumrucker. “The longer a coronary artery remains partially or totally blocked the greater the chance of damage to the heart muscle. We identify possible symptoms of a heart attack, and then make a diagnosis using an electrocardiogram (EKG).” Speed in such circumstances is essential, and from the time the patient enters the Emergency Room at HCH to receiving an EKG, is usually less than 3 minutes. Clot-busting medication can be administered and the patient is then transported to the nearest catheterization center.

“How is the market?”
That is a question I get asked a lot these days. For many of my almost 30 years of brokering real estate in Highlands, that question most often had an easy answer. Property in Highlands has always had a good history of appreciating over time because the Highlands real estate market usually is sheltered and insulated from the norm you read about in the national news. However this time, the dip in the economy was large and deep enough to affect us — even in Highlands.

I remember my Dad talking of the hard times in the 1930s when he was a child growing up in Highlands — there was a crash similar to the one we are experiencing at this time. It was always interesting to hear his stories of how much of a struggle it was for most people to make ends meet, yet I have come to realize many of the very fine estates built in Highlands were constructed during that time period, so even though times were hard, it was still a good time to build or invest if you could afford to do it.

Investing your money in any parameter has always had some factor of risk no matter what the return. If you talk to most investment advisors, they want you to balance your investments in many different sectors to cover all aspects of business, and hopefully lessen your risks in the event a sector has a major setback, such as the tech sector did before the major meltdown across the whole market. Anyone who had money in that market is still recovering from those huge paper losses, but if they were able to hang on, history has shown that the market will recover and stabilize when the economy gets back on track.

Real estate investment in Highlands is usually immune from the general market trends nationwide as our area is predominately second homes. Most of these homes are owned by people who can afford to hold on to their properties until things get back to normal in the day-to-day sector; even in a rough economy.

One exception to this scenario was the speculative sector of investors and builders who were buying and then selling to turn a quick profit. When buyers are taking a wait-and-see approach, the profit margin, and sometimes the principal (loan proceeds to the bank) have to reduce below the loan amount (Short sale) to procure a buyer, or if the payments are not made and an approved buyer found, the bank is forced to foreclose on the mortgage.

Many of the foreclosures or stagnant properties occurring in our area are on homes that aren’t selling due to location or outdated plans or decor.

A few exceptions, as I mentioned above, are the builder and investor who are walking away rather than holding on to the property for an extended period of time. These bank-owned properties are a hot topic with buyers at this time because many banks want to get these properties off their books and are willing, in many cases, to heavily discount below the actual value of the property so as not have the responsibility of the upkeep on the property.

The amenity of these properties is usually an excellent price and these heavily discounted properties are affecting the overall market even in Highlands at this time.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION and amenities (mountain views, water, golf, close to downtown) still apply today just as they always have. The good news is that now is a good time to buy real property in Highlands because prices are as affordable, as they have been in several years.

Your investment in real property in Highlands is something that does not evaporate into thin air like some stocks. Real property in Highlands is something you can enjoy personally, or if desired, can become even more affordable by renting occasionally to help pay taxes and some expenses; and if history shows to be true, will be an exceptional investment in the years to come!
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(Recreation Park)

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**Highlands Nature Center Summer Season starts Saturday, May 22**

**Highlands Nature Center**

The Highlands Nature Center is about to start its summer season. Regular hours of Monday-Saturday, 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. will begin on May 22. The adjacent Botanical Garden trails are open every day until sunset. Admission for both is free.

**Highlands Nature Center features many interactive exhibits that interpret the native flora and fauna of the southern Appalachians.**

including a recently upgraded living animal display. Additional exhibits include ones on the biological diversity of the region, the Highlands Plateau as an important bird area, invasive species, a working honeybee hive, and examples of local wildlife.

The 11-acre Botanical Garden features more than 500 species of native plants with labels, interpretive gardens including the Cherokee Garden, and numerous short trails to various habitats including old-growth hemlock forest, streams, a mountain bog, and Lindewood Lake.

The Nature Center offers many fun and educational programs for children and adults everyday throughout the summer including Botanical Garden tours, animal programs, family nature activities, storybook science programs, and the Thursday evening Zahnier Conservation Lecture series.

Five different natured camps are also offered each year and feature fun, hands-on learning experiences in natural outdoor settings. A total of nine sessions rotate throughout the summer and are available for children ages 4 to 14, depending on the camp week.

In addition, there will be several special events this summer—the first being the annual “Salamander Mender” program scheduled for Saturday, May 29 at 9 p.m.

For more information about the Nature Center and this summer’s weekly public programs, special events, and children’s day camps, please visit www.wcu.edu/hbas or call 828-526-2623.

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**RUBY CINEMA**

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**Ruby Cinema**

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**May 21-27**

**SHREK FOREVER AFTER in 3D**

**rated PG**

**Friday:** 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

**Saturday:** 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

**Sunday:** 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

**Mon + Wed:** 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

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**ROBIN HOOD**

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**Saturday:** 1:30, 6:30, 9:30

**Sunday:** 1:30, 6:30, 9:30

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**Tues + Thurs:** 1:30, 6:30, 9:30

**IRON MAN 2**

**rated PG-13**

**Friday:** 4:30, 7, 9:30

**Saturday:** 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

**Sunday:** 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

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**THE LAST SONG**

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fellowship while listening to an interesting speaker. Meetings end at 5:30 am.

- Men’s interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.
- The Homegrowns, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

**Wednesdays & Fridays**

- Open AA meeting noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.
- Men’s interdenominational Bible Study 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.

**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.

**Every 3rd Thursday**

- Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.
- Zahnier Conservation Lecture Series every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center May 13 through Aug. 5. It’s free.

**Thursdays**

- 1st & 3rd Thursdays
  - If you are suffering from a mental illness or have a relative with a diagnosis such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, or have a relative with a diagnosis such as PTSD, etc, you are not alone.

**Every Fourth Saturday**

- Friends of Panthertown work days are the fourth Saturday of each month. (Time and location varies.) Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9958 (ext. 258).
- The Scaly Mountain Women’s Club will begin its monthly Pancake Breakfast this Memorial Weekend on Saturday, May 29. Breakfast will be served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee is $5.50 for adults and $3.50 for children. Funds raised at the Pancake Breakfasts go toward the club’s Scholarship program and other charities in the community.
- After Memorial weekend the pancake breakfasts will be held every 4th Saturday through October. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sbankston@gmail.com
- Saturday Art School for grades K-8 is held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. For more information, registration, or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.
- 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.

**Thurs-Sun., May 20-23**

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- The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shonlin Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.
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**First & Third Thursdays**

- The Bowers Public Art Project at The Bascom is a new opportunity to work in the Bowers Public Art Project, inspired by the amazing art of the bowers bird who builds a bower, pictured above, then decorates with color-coordinated found objects, synthetic and natural. The Bowers project runs May 26 through June 26.

**Third, participate in the “Bowers” Public Art Project, inspired by the amazing art of the bowers bird who builds a bower, then decorates with color-coordinated found objects, synthetic and natural. Brochures detailing the project and optional workshop are at The Bascom, The Highlands Biological Station, or the Highlands Visitor Station. You may also get details at education@thebascom.org for more information. Bowers opportunities include:
  - Tues. and Wed., June 8-9, Bower Building Workshop, The Bascom and on location.
  - June 12-25; Public invited to decorate the bowers (directions posted at each location)
  - June 26, 2 p.m., Walk the Bower Trail: begin at The Bascom and walk from The Bascom campus all day. The day will conclude with an informal (on the easel) exhibition and wine reception in The Bascom’s Dave Drake Studio Barn at 4 p.m. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

One of the four new Interactive Art Opportunities at The Bascom is the “Bowers” Public Art Project, inspired by the amazing art of the bowers bird who builds a bower, then decorates with color-coordinated found objects, synthetic and natural. The Bowers project runs May 26 through June 26.

Art lovers have new ways to create through The Bascom’s just-begun Interactive Art Opportunities program.

First, join other knitters for the free World Wide Knit-In, set for Saturday June 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the terrace at The Bascom. Bring your knitting to celebrate this event with other enthusiasts.

Second, throughout the month of June, all are encouraged to volunteer to help internationally acclaimed artist Patrick Dougherty (www.stickwork.net) create a massive, site-specific sapling sculpture on The Bascom’s campus. To get involved, contact Bascom Curatorial Director Kaye Gorecki at kgorecki@thebascom.org or (828) 526-4949.

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Ongoing and Upcoming Events

• At Cyrano’s Bookshop, author Susan Rebecca White will sign copies of her latest book, “A Soft Place to Land” at 5:30 p.m. Wine and hors devours will be served. A movie at the Cashiers Library at 3 p.m. “Bright Star” is set in 18th century England and stars Abbie Cornish and Ben Whishaw. This film tells the true story of the love between the poet John Keats and his spirited muse. Fanning Graves. Rated PG. Movies are free, but donations are appreciated.

Friday, May 21
• Whiteside Mountain Café and Grill at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be holding a midday cook-out featuring BBQ Chicken, Cole slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, biscuits, and hors devours will be served.

Rebecca White will sign copies of her latest book at the Performing Arts Center. Below, Kathryn Cochran as Rebecca White.

HCP’s ‘Rebecca’ continues this weekend

Collective Spirits wine festival to benefit The Bascom Art Center

Dozens of auction items up for bid this Friday and Saturday

Oenophiles, wine collectors and enthusiasts of both the art of fine wine and fine art are heading to Highlands this weekend, May 21-22, for Collective Spirits, the fourth annual wine festival staged by and benefitting The Bascom.

Orchestrated by Harriet and Dick Boger, Collective Spirits co-chairs, Bascom Chair Emeritus Bob Fisher and Jack Sawyer, president southeast region of Presenting Sponsor Wilmington Trust, the weekend will be uncorrupted with a “Stock Your Cellars” Wine Tasting Party at The Bascom on Friday evening, May 21.

Saturday's daytime programs of symposiums with intriguing themes such as “Calling All the Wine Ladies” and “Discover Your Palates,” will be led by wine specialists and chefs. And the weekend’s schéf d’œuvre, “Chateau Bascom,” the Gala Wine Dinner and Auction on Saturday evening, May 22, pairs an elaborate formal dinner, created by Epting Event of Athens, with exceptional domestic and international vintages. Silent and live auctions promise an alluring array of rare and large format wines and wine-related travel experiences.

The 21 live auction items that will be auctioned off Saturday night, May 22, include a 1997 Silver Oak Cellars (Alexander Valley) Cabernet Sauvignon six-litre bottle at Washington, DC, featuring a private tour of The Kreeger and Hillwood, home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, and accommodations at Mandarin Oriental Hotel; an authentic Greek feast for ten people prepared and presented by Gail and Paul Jones at their home; a VIP package for two with three nights accommodation at the luxurious Serengeti Hotel while enjoying the 20th Annual Santa Fe Wine Festival seminars, tastings and the best restaurants of Santa Fe, New Mexico, from September 23-25, 2010; classic wine tasting with a truly authentic plantation/quality hunt; a winelover’s strip of all-fine Napa Valley; one bottle 2002 Grace Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (1.5 litre) and one bottle 2007 Grace Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (1.5 litre); a box of 40-inch original oil on canvas by Ian Greathead commissioned especially for Collective Spirits; a 12-day land/sea Asian adventure for two.

The Super Silent Auction items up for bid Friday or Saturday nights include a one night stay for two at Fiddlehead Cottage: two magnums (1.5-litre) of Shafer Vineyards 2001 Merlot Napa Valley; four seats for the wine and cheese course at The Atlanta Wine School; one magnum Philip Togni Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon; one magnum 1996 Napa Valley Merlot; and many more.

Additionally, a fabulous Champagne and Ice Raffle awaits all on Friday and Saturday evenings. Buy a glass of champagne and pick your lucky number from a grid. A ladies 2,000 or total weight diamond necklace is the star of this very special raffle. This 14-carat white gold necklace is custom designed, containing black and white brilliant cut diamonds, and donated by Drake’s Diamond Gallery of Highlands. Near the end of the live auction on Saturday night, a lucky winner’s number will be drawn from the proverbial hat. You will be notified if you win and are not present at the drawing. Estimated Value: $3,950.

The $295 Combo Ticket includes all Friday and Saturday events. The “Stock Your Cellars” Friday evening reservation is $100, while at ticket for the “Chateau Bascom” gala dinners is $225.

For details, visit www.collectivespirits.com or call (828) 526-4949. Wilmington Trust is the presenting sponsor of Collective Spirits. Silver sponsors are AirTran, Bank of New York-Mellon, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies/Lanigan Insurance Group and Hennessy Automotive Companies. Bronze sponsors include Franklin Ford, Harry Norman Realtors-Pat Allen and Bert Mobley, Highlands’ Newspaper, The Laurel magazine, Moss Robertson Cadillac, Wines Down South and WNC magazine.

Collective Spirits wine festival to benefit The Bascom Art Center

Photography by Jim Fitts - Collective Spirits co-chairs Harriet and Dick Boger raise a toast to the wine festival benefiting The Bascom visual arts center.
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Stars & Feet Cards, Scratch & Donate Cards, Purple fundraising @ Bryson’s Market from 11am-2pm selling Sun time — music. and playing upbeat, get on the dance floor, let’s have a good time — music.

Fri., Sat., May 21-22
• Relay for Life fundraising, Heather Mangum will be fundraising @ Byson’s Market from 11am-2pm selling Sun Stars & Feet Cards, Scratch & Donate Cards, Purple Bows, Luminaria & Tiki Torches.

Historical Society’s Walk in the Park is June 24-27
Jeannie Chambers, left, will portray Martha Gottwals in this year’s Walk in the Park,” sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. She is pictured at the Gottwals’ home on North Fourth Street with Helen Regnery who will portray Mrs. Gottwals’ sister, Vinetta Rice. This year’s Walk in the Park” will feature women, some of the Town’s “Unsung Heroines.” “Walk in the Park” will take place June 25 and 26 at Highlands Memorial Park and June 27 at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Shuttles will leave the Community Building next to the ballfield every 15 minutes from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 25 and 26. The performance at PAC starts at 4:00 p.m. Adult admission is $15.00; students are free. Tickets will be available at Cyranos Book Shop on Main St. as well as at the Community Building on the day of the event.

Ready, eat, compost!

Mrs. Tracy Hedden (L) and her 5th grade students with Dr. Becky Schilling of the Mountain Garden Club
Earth Day was delightfully noisy in Tracy Hedden’s and Joy Archer’s 5th grade classrooms at Highlands School. Each student received a 100% compostable bag of SunChips as part of a lesson on composting.

If you’ve handled the new SunChips bag you know it’s noisier than the old bag. Now imagine the cacophony of 15 to 30 bags in eager hands.

“My new SunChips bag is noisier because it is made of plant-based materials,” explained Ms. Hedden, going over a handout downloaded from SunChips.com. “Moisture and air are important,” added Dr. Becky Schilling, of the Mountain Garden Club. “A zillion bacteria are doing their work, and they need water and oxygen.”

The Mountain Garden Club helped sponsor the lesson on composting as part of an ongoing series of activities for youth gardeners at Highlands School. Funds for youth gardener activities come from the Mountain Garden Club plant sale.

Emily Compost, the Mountain Garden Club mascot, invites you to support the educational projects of the Mountain Garden Club by attending this year’s sale.

Come to the 28th Annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale, Saturday, May 29, 9 am to 1 pm, at the baseball park in Highlands on Highway 64 E. You’ll find fellow composters there!
**SPRITITUALLY SPEAKING**

“Make us one, Lord…”

Chaplain Margaret Howell
Holy Family Lutheran Church - ELCA

H appy Birthday, Taize! It has been one year since community Taize services began in Highlands, and we have reason to celebrate. Even in a village as small as Highlands, it is easy to become insular and isolated from each other. We develop our own little communities - at work, in our social circles and even at our houses of worship. Most of us are Christians, yet our differences in dogma and practice prevent us from being what Christ meant us to be - one body - His body - the church on earth.

Brother Roger, the founder of Taize, began his community in the 1940s as a sanctuary for people — all people — who were fleeing from the Nazi's. He never dreamed that his little community would affect millions of people during his lifetime and beyond.

By the beginning of the 21st century, the Taize community had grown to include approximately 100 men and women of all denominations.

The Taize monastery, located in Taize, France, is a pilgrimage site where thousands of people come and camp out on the grounds and spend a week or so during the summer. To the uninitiated, it might look like they are preparing for a rock concert. There is music at Taize, but it is music of the soul.

Taize worship, simply put, is ecumenical and spiritual, consisting of scripture, simple beautiful songs, prayer and periods of blessed silence. There are no practices that separate, songs are sung and prayers are offered in every language on the planet. Worship includes everyone. It has touched the hearts and minds of millions of people. After people came to Taize, they carried away their experiences and adapted them for use at their home churches all over the world. Taize is a wonderful, gentle spiritual practice unlike our sometimes overly busy Sunday services.

I am proud to say that the five of our Highlands churches, Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic, the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Highlands United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, and the “mother” church, Holy Family Lutheran, have faithfully taken turns offering Taize meditation every Thursday evening at 5:30 PM for the past year. Each church uses the same material, yet each is creatively different. And it’s all good! Best of all, it has brought people from different denominations together.

We have made precious new friends, and worshipped in each other’s sanctuaries. Sure, there are things, “religious” things, our respective denominations don’t agree on. But Taize is not a “religious” practice — it is a spiritual one. I like to imagine that Taize is probably very similar to the spiritual practices in the earliest days of the church. Simple, beautiful, inclusive. Interested? Tonight we meet at Our Lady of the Mountains. We gather around 5:15 PM. Come as you are. All are welcome.

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**PLACES OF WORSHIP**

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**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
Wednesday: Mid-week prayer meeting - 7 p.m.

**BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Chapel of Sky Valley
Sky Valley, GA
Church: 706-746-2999
Pastors’ 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**
Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011
Worshipping at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers
Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday: Adult Forum: 10:30, Bucks Caffe, Cashiers
Monday: Evening Bible Study and Supper - 6:00 p.m., members’ hours

**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**
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Pastor Gary Hewins
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sun.: 9:30 am: Adult Sunday School, Prayer Group. 10:30 am: Children’s Program (Pre-K – 5th Grade), Women’s Prayer Group. 10:45 am: Worship Service. 5 pm: Men’s Bible Study, The River Middle & High School Student Ministries.
Tues.: 9:30 am: Women’s Bible Study.
Wed.: 5 pm: Dinner, Children’s Program, Adult Teaching.

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H-C Hospital News

Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention’ at Hospital
Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is launching a series of physician forums on May 24th, which will be presented in the form of complimentary lunch & learn education sessions held at the hospital throughout the next six months.

The first is entitled “Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention” presented by family physician Dr. Richard S. Matthews. Participants will learn how to recognize unusual symptoms that may mean the onset of a heart attack or stroke. They will hear how and why “Time is Tissue” and that seeking medical attention as soon as possible can reduce the long term effects of a stroke. In addition, the latest information about heart attack and stroke prevention will be covered.

Attendees will be served a light boxed lunch followed by an hour educational seminar and finishing with a question and answer session. Lunch and Learn “Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention” will be held in the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Suite 103, Monday, May 24th from noon-1 p.m. Those interested in attending are asked to please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org

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mulched and grassed areas. A lighted gravel sidewalk will be constructed from the paved parking lot along Foreman to the gravel parking lot so people can move between the two areas safely and securely.

There will be a five-foot high, black vinyl, chain link, perimeter fence enclosing the park which will contain two trash bins, 2 dog waste bag repositories, 2 picnic tables in the existing pavilion, 2 benches, posted dog park rules and etiquette signs, with lots of trees and buffering.

Proponents say benefits are dog and people socialization, in a safe, leash-free environment accessible to pet owners of all ages, and they say the park will entice people to come to Highlands to visit.

Opponents say there are 60,000 acres of “dog park” in the area’s adjoining US Forest land and that tax money would be better spent elsewhere.

Both Commissioners Amy Patterson and Buz Dotson said citizens against the town paying for the park have approached them. Patterson suggested a fee-based park like for other aspects of the Rec Park. Dotson said “in these economic times, when town employees didn’t get raises last year and possibly won’t this year spending money on a dog park at this juncture is money unwisely spent.” “If hotels are interested in attracting pet owners overnight then they should provide a place for the dogs,” he said. “I don’t think the dog park will make Highlands a destination.”

Commissioner Gary Drake said he was originally against the town spending money on a dog park, both because of the money aspect and because people opposed to the idea have approached him, but hesaid those people didn’t come to the meeting. “The people for it were here and put forth good arguments. Those against it should have been here.”

Mayor David Wilkes echoed Drake and further said the town has the money in the Recreation Department capital outlay budget and as long as this didn’t become another operation of the Rec Park on a daily basis he thought it would work.

Town Engineer Lamar Nix said his crews would have to work the construction of the dog park around other duties, but park designer Hank Ross said it could probably be done in a month.

The park will be open sunrise to sunset and dogs must stay on leash and leave on a leash and must be under control of their handlers at all times; they must wear current rabies and ID tags. Most important, handlers must clean up after their dogs immediately and dispose of the waste in designated receptacles.
Hospital “RACE” Participation Increases Heart Attack Survival

HCH is among 68 hospitals in North Carolina who meet the required standards of care to qualify for the states standardized RACE program (Reperfusion of Acute Myocardial Infarction or MI) by restoring blood flow to the heart and other tissues (reperfusion). The program coordinates the efforts of ambulances, emergency departments and hospitals to reduce the amount of time it takes for heart attack patients to receive lifesaving treatment.

Patients who arrive at HCH’s emergency room showing symptoms of a heart attack undergo a series of procedures that verify the extent of damage and blockage. If it is determined that there is full heart muscle ischemia (ST elevation), the patient is deemed STEMI which denotes major blockage of a coronary artery. When the coronary artery is blocked, the oxygen supply to the heart is compromised and can result in muscle tissue death.

“The standard protocol for STEMI patients seen in our hospital can be one of two alternatives. If transfer can be accomplished within 90 minutes, the patient is sent to the nearest tertiary referral facility with a Cardiac Catheterization Lab,” said Bryan Devinney, Certified Emergency Nurse and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. “If the transfer cannot be accomplished within 90 minutes, a clot busting drug is administered and then the patient is transported.”

“It’s good patient care, the best we can give,” said Frank Leslie, VP of Operations at HCH. “The faster we can get the patient to the Cath Lab, the more heart muscle the patient will save”.

The RACE program has set the standard time “door to door” from ER to Cath lab at 90 minutes. When the RACE program was initiated at HCH, the “door to door” time fell from 120 minutes to 71 minutes, well above the standards of the program and the state-wide medium.

“If anyone is experiencing any signs of cardiac trauma, we urge you to call 911 first and DO NOT drive or have someone drive you to a hospital or emergency facility. Time is so precious with an event such as a heart attack. Our local and regional paramedics are trained and prepared for this type of situations. Many times, patients can begin the initial treatment increasing the individual’s chance of survival,” said Devinney.

According to the RACE Coordinator at Mission Healthcare in Asheville, the following scenario is an example of how the RACE works. In March of 2010, a 61 year old male presented to HCH’s Emergency room complaining of chest pain. Within 4 minutes of arrival, he received an EKG which confirmed an acute heart attack. Within 25 minutes of arrival, he was given Thrombolytic, a clot busting drug. The patient was then transferred to Mission via MAMA (helicopter) arriving pain free. He underwent heart catheterization and a stent was placed to keep the coronary artery open. After two days, the patient was discharged home.

“HCH wants to assure you that your healthcare is our top priority. Being a community hospital, we pride ourself in the fact our performance is above average when compared to even the large hospitals participating in the RACE program,” said Leslie. Our Board Certified physicians and highly skilled staff are available 24/7 to meet the needs of every patient.”

About Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

“HCH is a community hospital that provides diagnostic, surgical and acute patient care through on-site professional services, or as a referral to regional support providers. Our emergency care facility is staffed 24/7 and treats patients promptly, monitoring their visit with personal care and attention. HCH also provides Physician Clinics, a skilled Nursing Facility, Hospice Care, Skilled Rehabilitation, and Medically-Based Wellness Programs allowing individuals and families nearby access to professional care in these critical areas. Our Board-Certified Physician Staff continues to grow to better serve you, as do our medical specialties now covering 14 areas of healthcare, specialties usually only found in much larger facilities. We continually update our range of diagnostic procedures by adding new state-of-the-art equipment.” Our goal is to be the healthcare partner to whom you can entrust your life.

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Jones.

The original cases for which Coward has returned to court several times over the years, involved 12 property owners along the first 7/10s of Bowery Road most affected by the widening and paving of the road.

Coward said there are about four cases left to try – the Alice Nelson et al, involving two pieces of property and the Katherine Hendricks et al case.

In North Carolina, the process for condemning property to improve roads and the subsequent compensation to property owners for their rights-of-way is a long one.

First the parcels of property along the road are appraised. Then it’s condemned. Then work begins and once finished the parcels of property affected are appraised again.

The town deposited $1,000 toward each property owner’s compensation, but several have gone to court for more.

“Each piece of property is appraised differently,” said Attorney Jones. “In Ms. Johnson’s case, they paved the road which took approximately 4/10s of an acre of her land but they also cut down all the trees and foliage which then affected the value of the rest of her property.”

Coward said the verdict awarded Johnson is about typical. Verdicts are being paid with escrow money in the Bowery Road Fund set up at the outset by Bowery Road residents who wanted it widened and paved.

Over the years, Johnson, as did some of the others dropped out of the original et al case and hired an attorney to represent her against the town.

For some along Bowery Road, “compensation” amounted to a wider, paved road versus the rutted dirt and gravel road, but for several property owners’ compensation could only come with money. — Kim Lewicki
The Highlands Biological Station recently had their annual botanical garden spring clean-up and the IFC was again able to provide several willing volunteers to assist. "I am glad our clients are able to give back to the community in some way, especially when it is another non-profit," said Jill Montana, the IFC’s executive director. The IFC is a non-profit agency in Highlands that facilitates services for the underserved international population. For more information about the IFC, please call 828-526-9938 x 290.

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TRILLIUM TECHNOLOGIES RADIO SHACK IN HIGHLANDS is seeking a part-time employee to help with sales of electronics, stocking, pricing and store maintenance. Retail experience preferred with basic knowledge of latest technology. Apply in person at 555 Main Street or email trilliumt@gmail.com (St. 5/20).

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Calloway joins MountainTop Rotary

The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary recently welcomed its newest member, Callie Calloway. Callie is the Communications Specialist for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was born and raised in Thomasville, N.C. Callie attended Western Carolina University where she received her BA degree in Communications/PR, minor in Psychology, in 2006. She was a member of the WCU Cheerleading team all four years. While at WCU, she completed her internship at Highland-Cashiers Hospital under Skip Taylor and is now the current Communications Specialist. Callie lives with her husband Jarret and their two dogs, Riley and Chloe, in Franklin. Jarret and Callie are huge football fans and rarely miss the chance to cheer on the Catamounts! Skip Taylor is Callie’s Rotary sponsor. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary is pleased to welcome Callie and the entire club is looking forward to working with her. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Visitors are welcome to come learn about Rotary, enjoy fellowship and listen to an interesting speaker. Shown is Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Sponsorship Chair Nick Bazan, Callie Calloway and Skip Taylor.

Hedden named ‘Outstanding Student Thespian’

Highlands High School senior Rachael Hedden receives Outstanding Student Thespian award from Highlands-Cashiers Players (HCP) president Dr. Ronnie Spilton. The HCP Board of directors presents this award yearly to the graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in theater. Rachael has participated in both PAC Youth Theater and HCP productions for the past three years. Matthew McClellan from Highlands School was last year’s recipient.

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**Police & Fire**

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from May 12. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

May 12
- At 11:30 a.m., damage to a parked car on N. 4th Street was reported.
- At 4:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Holly Tree Lane concerning a vicious dog.

May 13
- At 1:39 a.m., officers responded to shots fired at Highlands Country Club. It was unfounded.
- Officers responded to a complaint of a bear on the porch at a residence on E. Wingina.

May 14
- At 9:17 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hangup from a resident on N. 4th Street. It was unfounded.

May 17
- At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint call on Chowan. It was unfounded.
- At 3 p.m., the theft of a wreath valued at $150 was reported from Dutchman's Design on Main Street.
- At 5:15 p.m., the theft of tools valued at $1,200 was reported missing from a home on Hickory Hill Road. The thief entered through a sliding glass door.
- During the week, police officers responded to 11 alarms and issued 9 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from May 12:

May 12
- At 10:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders at 64 Clubhouse Trail. The victim was taken to the hospital.
- At 4:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at 60 Holly Tree Lane where a person was bitten by a dog. The victim was taken to the hospital.

May 15
- At 1:44 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers on a structure fire at Master Court.

May 16
- At 7:40 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers on a structure fire on Sanctuary Lane.
- At 11:44 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers on a structure fire on Master Court that had started back up.

May 17
- At 8:04 a.m., the dept. was first responders at a residence on Dendy Orchard Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

May 18
- At 11:30 a.m. the dept. responded to an accident on NC 28 where a truck loaded with asphalt was in a ditch. There were no injuries.

May 19
- At 6:09 a.m., the dept. was first responders at a residence on Nall Farm Road.
- At 8:57 a.m., the dept. was first responders on Upper Divide Road where there was an golf cart accident.

**NOTE:** The dept. asks all returning seasonal residents to make sure their 9-1-1 numbers on their property are visible and that their driveways are trimmed so they are preferably 12-14 ft. wide and clear.

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks to all who made Cupcakes for Caregivers success! To all of the cancer survivors and their caregivers in attendance, may you know how much you are supported on your journey with this dreaded disease, and how much you appreciate the extraordinary support of your caregivers. The victories you win together, each day, are monumental.

For the past 10 years, the Highlands community has shown the nation what a community that cares can do when united in a personal and local outreach. Yes, cancer is a bad neighborhood, and because of the American Cancer Society and its partnership with the Highlands community, now has to go there alone.

Thank you Sarah Gayle and Molly Black of the American Cancer Society for your presentations on the life saving work on behalf of cancer patients and their families. Research and support services offered by the American Cancer Society have a direct impact of each day on cancer patients in our town. Help is available, 24/7 by calling 1-800-227-2345.

In addition to these informative presentations, we appreciate Fresser’s Eatery and The Bakery at Fresser’s for sponsoring this event – the cupcakes were delicious, and the bubbly toast was festive! Thank you ACS Community Manager Lisa Duff for all that you do, and all of the Highlands Relay for Life Committee members who contributed their hard work and special magic: Marketing Chairs Ellen Bauman and Katrina Graham for their tireless efforts to get the word out, for the creative decorations and the lively toast! On Line Chair Mike Murphy, The Highlander Newspaper, WHLC 104/5FM, The Laurel Magazine and Highlands’ Newspaper for your publicity.

As we celebrate the 10th Birthday of Relay for Life in Highlands, we recognize the heroic efforts each year of Paula Jones, Butch Smart, Pat Griffin, and so many more, walking each year at Relay, because cancer never sleeps. While those newly diagnosed now join their journey, their outcome is inspired by your efforts.

A special Survivors Dinner and Celebration will take place August 3rd in Coleman Hall, and Highlands Relay for Life is August 13th at the Civic Center. We ask that all cancer survivors please register online at www.relayforlife.org/highlands. This website also contains information on the life saving work of the American Cancer Society. Learn how you can support this effort by remembering a loved one lost, celebrating the life of someone still bravely walking. Please consider the difference you can make by joining a team, starting a team or contributing to a cause that will one day allow us all to celebrate more birthdays! On behalf of the Highlands Relay for Life Committee...

Christy Kelly
Mission/Advocacy/Survivor Chair

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The Highlands Police Department set up an obstacle course on the track around the baseball field for students to drive while wearing “impaired” goggles. The goggles mimic what it’s like to drive drunk blowing .5 to .25. Kristen Hedden had a hard time getting into the vehicle once she put on the impaired goggles and had an even harder time driving the course. Officers say this is a “safe” way to learn what it’s like to drive drunk.

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