Ex-police officer files EEOC complaint

An Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) charge of discrimination citing race, sex, and national origin was filed against the Town of Highlands by a former police officer, David L. Olvera. Olvera, on April 14, 2010, informed the EEOC of his decision to resign from the department.

Olvera, a 10-year veteran of the police department, said he was discharged for his refusal to work with a certain officer. He said he had quit the department to avoid working with this officer.

PAC lease finalized

Following an hour-long discussion at a Special Town Board meeting Monday, May 3—a meeting that came full circle—conclusively to contentious back to conciliatory—both sides left happy with the outcome.

The town agreed to enter into a 10-year lease with the PAC and the PAC board, represented by President Stewart Manning and member Ron Leslie, agreed to the insertion of a statement into the lease and on a new application form saying in effect: “The PAC board acknowledges receipt of public funds and as such shall be open to the public in an non-exclusionary manner.”

Local May 4 Primary Winners

![Allan (Ricky) Bryson](image1)

County Commissioner District 1 contenders incumbent Commissioner Brian McClellan (Rep) and previous County Commissioner Allan Bryson (Dem) will face off in November just as they did four years ago.

In the Democratic Primary, Bryson beat newcomer to politics Michael Rogers with 87.5% to Rogers’ 12.5%. In the Republican Primary, McClellan beat Tate 60% to Tate’s 40%.

Folks turned out to discuss the rezoning of the Shearl property on NC 28—what was supposed to be the final step in a process that began in October 2009—but a decision will likely be made at the second Town Board meeting in June.

After hearing testimony from property owner John Shearl, who is requesting his 9.5 acre, split-zoned B3/R1 parcel be rezoned B3 commercial and adjacent property owners Gerald and Tracy Hadden and others who contend the back R1 portion of the parcel is a valuable buffer to his commercial enterprise, a decision was postponed.

At Commissioner Gary Drake’s suggestion, the board decided to continue the public hearing until Zoning Administrator Joe Coley could present to discuss the issue thoroughly. He will be available until the second week in June.

The board unanimously approved application into the NC Small Town Main Street Program, which will help the town facilitate rejuvenation of downtown Highlands and to hopefully attract businesses to fill the 18-plus empty storefronts.

However, Commissioner Buz Salzarulo and other commissioners were concerned with the lack of action on the rezoning of the Shearl property on NC 28—what was supposed to be the final step in a process that began in October 2009—but a decision will likely be made at the second Town Board meeting in June.
Regard your weekend visitors, Old Edwards’ marketing campaign last January through March was “Winter Weekends at Old Edwards.” I’m certainly not going to apologize for the fact that it worked, and we (along with the efforts of The Chamber and other businesses) attracted first-time visitors during a time when the town has normally been perceived as closed. If we are all as successful in this campaign next year, we hope to generate even more business for other inns and businesses during a time when none of us has historically enjoyed much, if any, business.

One of the most common quotes in meetings within Old Edwards, when we hear of the success of another Highlands business including inns, is: “Good for them; a rising tide lifts all ships.” We believe we are all in this together, and we want nothing less than the utmost success for our fellow innkeepers, business owners and overall health of the Highlands lifestyle and economy. Old Edwards refers prospective guests to other inns based on vacancy and needs of the guest.

Last week alone, we sent 58 room nights to another Highlands inn, and we have booked another 25-30 at another inn in June.

I finish by inviting you to speak with me the next time you wish to obtain information about Old Edwards, and by respectfully asking that you print this letter to clear up the erroneous information about Old Edwards Inn and Spa.

Richard M Delany
President and Managing Director

Drake writes in defense of OEI

Dear Editor,

This letter is being written after reading an article in Highlands’ Newspaper, “What room tax figures likely mean” in the April 29 edition.

My husband (Highlands Commissioner Gary Drake) and I recently had a major flood in our home in October of 2009. Due to extensive construction, we were displaced approximately six weeks and our insurance company turned the housing portion over to a hotel assistance solution company. The company chose Old Edwards Inn & Spa as our temporary home and we lived there from mid-December to the end of January.

During our period of inconvenience, we were given daily food expense allowances as well as our lodging. As we all know, insurance companies are careful to pay only what is necessary and I’m sure that even

January discounts at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa reported in the article “What Room Tax Figures Likely Mean” in the April 29 issue of Highlands Newspaper were wrong. (Please see the accompanying letter by President and Managing Director of Old Edwards Hospitality Group Richard Delany in this issue.) OEI’s least expensive rack room available during the winter season of January – March of 2010 was $195, not including breakfast. Packages including 3 meals a day were for deluxe rooms. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

Richard M Delany
Ted Lincoln Alford

Ted Lincoln Alford, 87, of Columbus, GA, Panama City Beach, FL and Highlands, N.C., died Sunday, April 25, 2010 at his home in Bay Point. Funeral services were held Friday, April 30, 2010 at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Dr. Buddy Cooper officiating.

Mr. Alford was born October 3, 1922 in Columbus, GA the son of the late Seals Myrick Alford and the late Lena Simmerly Alford. He was instrumental in development of home building in the 1950s and developing large subdivisions, then the outskirts of Columbus, now the center of Columbus. He also developed the Beachcomber By the Sea and Driftwood Motels in Panama City Beach.

Mr. Alford was a friend and mentor to many and will be missed. He was a member of St Paul United Methodist Church, Columbus Country Club, Green Island Country Club, and Cullasaja Club in Highlands, N.C. He was a 1942 graduate of Columbus High and attended Gordon Military Academy in Barnesville, GA.

Mr. Alford was an entrepreneur with great vision of the real estate market in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Since his early 20s, continuing throughout his life he never retired always planning new projects. Among many of his successful ventures included single home and commercial development; most recently the Lincoln Center in Panama City, FL. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters, Bill Alford, Laurie Alford Psalmonds, Dorothy Alford Elsinger, and Bob Alford.

Survivors include wife, Lynda Merritt Alford; three daughters, Dianne Alford Estes and her husband, Gordon of Columbus, Lou Alford Pickle and her husband, Lindsey of Marietta, GA and Sally Alford Andrews and her husband, Bob of Columbus; grandchildren, Thad Estes and his wife, Allison, Lyndee Daffin and her husband, Alan, Jennifer Dykes and her husband, Tra, Lindsey M. Pickle, Jr and wife, Melanie, Laura Pickle Strovinskas and her husband, Chad, Leslie Ann Pickle Bates and her husband, Mark, Bonnie Zisholtz and her husband, Todd, and Sara Jewell and her husband, Chance; great-grandchildren, Mobley Estes, Sanders Estes, Hayes Dykes, Grayson Dykes, Chapman Dykes, Lindsey M. Pickle, III, William Carson Strovinskas, Collin Alford Strovinskas, Cayden Grace Strovinskas, Morgan Light, Madison Light, Willie Andrews, and Sadie Jewell.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2301 Wildwood Avenue, Columbus, GA 31906 or John B. Amos Cancer Center, 1831 5th Avenue, Columbus, GA 31904.

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ey avenue of housing was discussed with the Old Edwards Inn & Spa firm. If there had been a discounted rate available during that time which included meals, I’m sure that our insurance company would have taken advantage of it.

In closing, we attended an Economic Development Committee function on Thursday night and during the program there were key companies in Macon County that were singled out for excellence. The Old Edwards Inn & Spa had the distinction of being one of those companies because of its 200 plus workforce and also the 12,000 plus customers a year among various other things. The revenues of the town as a whole generated by these two factors alone make me think... “What’s good for Old Edwards Inn & Spa IS good for Highlands.”

Wanda Drake

No church is perfect

Dear Editor,

It seems the distain for organized Christian religions in general and the Catholic Church in particular by much of the national news media has hit home here in Highlands’ Newspaper over the past few weeks. How sad!

As we are painfully aware, there have been serious breaches of trust on the part of some priests and ministers. If these breaches rise to the level of criminal activity, prosecutions in our courts should take place. It is most unfortunate, however, that the actions of a few have tainted so many good, loyal and holy members of the clergy.

As a lifelong professing Catholic, I have known many priests and ministers. None of them have even been accused of a serious breach of conduct. As a member of Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church I am proud of our priest and the fine work he does. I have become familiar with most of the ministers in Highlands and I know them to be good and faithful leaders as well.

It is important to realize that the church is not the priest or minister. To me the church is the people of faith coming together to worship and know God. I have met people who have abandoned their faith or their church because they are angry at a member of the clergy.

No doubt, organized religion is one of the most vital institutions to the stability of our society. I am convinced that people coming together to worship throughout our history and the ideals they espouse has shaped...
Drunken cops, Mexican food and other fun stuff

Fred Wooldridge
Feedback is encouraged!
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don down in Mexico... wait, are they big shots
down in Mexico?

Moving on, since my column on drunk
driving was published a few months ago,
portable breathalyzer gadgets that can be inexpensively purchased on-line are selling as
fast as... well, Jim Beam whiskey.

Here’s how it works. Go to your favorite
Highlands’ restaurant and hoop it up with
food and drink. When you’re ready to leave,
whip out your personal breathalyzer and take
the test. If you pass the test twice, you’re on
your way but if you flunk even once, go to the
manager and show him the results, then
politely demand he take you home. Unlike
the old days when you brown-bagged your whiskey, restaurant owners are now liable
since they sold you the booze that got you
smashed. If they resist, point out the liability
of you killing someone on your way home.
That should do it unless the restaurant owner
is also plastered. Warning! If you’re offered
a ride home and you turn them down, you’re
on your own.

Anyway, everyone wins with this
scheme. Booze sales go up, the breathalyzer
gadget company’s sales go up, the citizens
are safer, the cops are happier and customers
will surely want to return to any restaurant
or bar that takes them home after getting
them smashed. Best of all, Highlands rides
itself of the reputation of being tough on
drink drivers.

If I told you how many drunken off-duty
police officers I’ve taken home in my 28 years
on the job, you’d call me a liar... but you’d be
wrong. At one point, my supervisor was an
alcoholic. I’ve even had to wrestle cops to the
ground and forcefully take their car keys away
while they’re kicking and screaming obscenities at me. Thinking back, there were a cou-
ple of them I wanted to put in jail... but I
couldn’t. “The Code” didn’t permit it. Then, I
remembered the sobered-up cops... always apolo-
gized for their poor conduct.

Are you sitting down? I once got a call of
“shots fired” and arrived to find two drunk-
en policemen shooting at each other. It hap-
pened right in front of the Bee Gee’s home
on North Bay Road in Miami Beach. Could I
make this up? The less drunk off-duty officer
was demanding the drunk officer’s home. It
led to an argument, then a fist fight and, last,
shots fired. I handed them over to my Ser-
gent and fled like a coward.

Finally, after being married for a long,
long time, my li’l missus has found a cure for
my snoring. She’s sleeping with a Taser gun
nearby. She hasn’t used it yet but the threat is
keeping me awake. I don’t snore under the
threat of electric shock. Tada... end of prob-
lem.

Finally, finally, here’s an inconvenient
truth you may not like. Global cooling has
begun and the ice caps are expanding again.
Al Gore’s pool heater bill just topped out at
$3,000 a month. Can you imagine what the bill
is for his mansion? And if you think for
one minute I’m making fun of Al or global
warming, call me 1-800-who-cares.

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No church will ever be perfect. Of course,
that is not the fault of God, but the fault of us
as imperfect human beings. It is my hope that
people of God will keep the faith, pray
together, and support each other in our quest
for eternal salvation.

Ed Boos

Do it for the less fortunate

Dear Editor,

I appreciate when someone writes a
meaningful and thought provoking col-
umn, such as Dr. Henry Salzarulo’s
titled, “Do it for our fellow man” Febru-
ary 11, 2010.

How can any of us feel good about our-
selves if we don’t share what we are blessed
with to help those less fortunate? God’s

Word tells us, “The love of money is the
root of all evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10 KJV)
Money isn’t evil, but loving money more than
people is. Helping the people in
Haiti with medical care and food and shel-
ter should be a priority for all of us.

Many people think that President Jim-

* See LETTERS page 5
Let's get the bad guys without ruining nations

A terrorist attacks go, Saturday night's failed car bomb was an amateurish at best. Who in his right mind would try to blow up Manhattan with three propane tanks, two gas cans, and a handful of fireworks? Two alarm clocks were found wired to the makeshift bomb, maybe a snooze alarm, perhaps a realization that the thing was unlikely to explode with only one, or maybe he just wasn't sure where the wires connected.

A Pakistani Taliban group quickly claimed responsibility. Responsibility for what? Inability to make a bomb? That's what these terrorists are supposed to be good at, terrorizing. All these guys did was draw a curious crowd and delay the curtain for a couple of Broadway shows.

Whoever concocted the crude weapon should hide in shame or go back to bomb school. Anyone who traveled to a training camp in Pakistan or Afghanistan to learn the bomb maker's art should demand a tuition refund. Really, how could one possibly proudly trumpet responsibility? It's like a Little Leaguer proudly proclaiming, "I'm the kid who struck out to end the game!"

Despite the aim of responsibility, New York police deny there is evidence to identify the person or group responsible. It shouldn't be hard to gather evidence because the bomb didn't go off. It smoked up the interior of the car but failed to explode, despite double alarm clocks. It's relatively easy to accumulate evidence when investigators don't have to sift through ashes and rubble. An un-detonated bomb in a Madrid subway allowed Spanish police to identify terrorists responsible, simply by tracing the ownership of the cell phone which was the intended detonator.

We've been lucky since September 11, 2001. Incompetent terrorists have helped. Richard Reid tried to ignite his shoe to blow up a passenger jet. Last Christmas, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab tried to ignite a bomb concealed in his underwear on a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit. Neither aspirant martyr did well in Bomb Building 101. Maybe they scored higher on diving through flaming hoops, negotiating jungle gyms, or firing AK-47's into the sand. Both must be disappointment to their instructors.

None of us hopes for better instructors or more talented pupils, and we all pray that our good fortune will continue. Unfortunately, it is likely that our luck will not hold, and that some future attempt will succeed in killing American citizens. If and when this tragedy occurs, it will be our job to measure our response and avoid further fanning the flames of hatred.

We should, indeed we must, exhaust every means to identify, apprehend and punish the culprits and their sponsors. We must do so without inviting further retaliation, without waging war on Iran or Somalia, or wherever the assassins were based. We felt good when President Bush said he wasn't going to fire a million-dollar missile at a ten-dollar tent just to hit a camel in the butt. We reveled in images of US Forces racing unopposed across the desert. We cheered as Hussein's statue was toppled, and swelled with pride as the President declared the end of major combat operations.

It is now clear that Iraq was not involved in the 9/11/01 attacks. The result of our war on Afghanistan, which was involved, is even worse. If we are attacked in the future, it is important to get the bad guys without wrecking nations, even ones we don't like. We don't want to look to the world like inept bomb builders.

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my Carter started Habitat for Humanity. While he was very much involved there, it was Millard Fuller who started that ministry. Millard was very successful in college and quickly became a very successful and wealthy young man. He and his young wife Linda quickly found real joy in their worldly possessions. They left it all to go on a mission trip as you did, then started the ministry called Habitat for Humanity.

Millard and Linda Fuller stuck to their original mission of loving and serving God by loving and serving people in need, but when their organization grew and the board of executives became more interested

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Since you didn’t ask, Part 4

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

Drop your pants,” said the nun. This was not just any nun, however; this was Attila the Nun, from the Order of the Holy Terrors, Asmythen-Husband, Colin, and I found out, not all medical procedures require a doctor. Europe was entering a very bad flu season, and the French government highly recommended flu shots for everyone. Our pharmacist suggested we call on the local nurse practitioner.

In our neighborhood, that was Sœur Marie de la Trinité. No-nonsense nun of indeterminate age, she wore plain habits and a kerchief pinned to her steel-gray hair. We always went to her tiny office, but she also zipped around the neighborhood in a beat-up yellow Volkswagen, bringing comfort and medical help to the needy. The police were terrified of her, and left her to break the speed limit and just about every traffic rule with total abandon. “God is on her side,” the local cops would sigh, shaking their heads.

Sœur Marie de la Trinité appeared gruff, but she was simply plain-spoken and practical. She reserved her sympathy for people who really needed it. Her first comment to us caught us off guard. “Do you have any stuff around the house you don’t need? Curtains, sheets, blankets?” She was collecting these items for needy people in Eastern Europe. Once she had a car full, she would load up her VW, and drive there. God only knows how she managed those trips!

It was from this very plain-spoken woman that we learned yet another of the mysteries of French medicine—why get a shot in the arm when God has given you a much bigger target area? Smallpox vaccinations— with their often ugly scarring— are frequently given in places other than the arm (the thigh, generally), an idea which makes a lot of sense, when you think about it.

So, there we were, waiting for our flu shots. “Who wants to go first?” said Sœur Marie de la Trinité. Colin grinned weakly, and stepped forward. “Are you Catholic?” the nun inquired. “Well, no, I was raised Anglican,” was his reply. He dropped the article of clothing and requested, and leaned over the examination table. Sœur Marie advanced, brandishing her needle, and stabbing it into the waiting target. “Here’s what I think of the Protestant Reformation!” she cried.

Shots were just the tip of the French medical iceberg. You know those silly paper sheets (the ones that make you feel like you’ve been to a picnic) that went hornily wrong) which you get in America to “cover the naughty bits”? Those didn’t exist in France. It is assumed that if you are at the doctor’s office, you are there for a reason. This means your modesty is left at the office door. I questioned a female doctor about this once, and she explained that many medical problems are easier to spot if you see the entire person, and not just bits and pieces in a kind of medical peek-a-boo. I tried to explain this to a lady who went horribly wrong) which you get in America to “cover the naughty bits?” Those didn’t exist in France. It is assumed that if you are at the doctor’s office, you are there for a reason. This means your modesty is left at the office door. I questioned a female doctor about this once, and she explained that many medical problems are easier to spot if you see the entire person, and not just bits and pieces in a kind of medical peek-a-boo. I tried to explain this to a lady in Highlands—how most medical procedures in France are done with the patient completely naked. “Even the dentist?” she whispered, horrified.

Another typically French quirk is the obsession with the liver. Are you feeling out of sorts; down, depressed, lacking in energy? It’s your liver! This leads to another Gallic habit; that of taking lots of medicine in suppository form, a process which avoids the liver altogether. My mother, having lived much of her adult life in the States, had read about this, one day in Paris when a nasty bug had kept her in bed. She phoned the symptoms to my grandmother’s pharmacy, and sent my father to collect the remedy. Horrified, she stared at the pills in question. “I am not taking suppositories for this!” she stated, outraged. You can see her point. She had a sore throat.

In an odd coincidence of events, I fell off a step ladder, and broke my foot. The next day, Colin slipped and broke two toes. We limped into a taxi, and into the emergency room of a local hospital. The attending physician took a few notes, and then quickly separated us, which we found odd. The reason became clear as the medical exams went on. They were convinced that we had had somerset of domestic dispute, and cometo blows, resulting in our injuries. The kindly doctor smiled broadly at me, and said, in confidence “Ah, Madame, I am a doctor. You can have complete confidence in me. You and your husband, you have a little fight, eh? It gets a little out of hand.

You kick. Heretablate. This is not uncommon, even among “les Anglo-Saxons.” He gaves his shouldertypical Gallic shrug. “And now, it’s all over. You feel a bit silly, non? You kiss and makeup. C’est la vie.”

Try as we might, neither my doctor nor Colin’s would believe that our injuries were the result of bad luck and klutzi-
ness. All in all, I was impressed with medical care in France. It was not perfect. Medicine is not a perfect science. Most of the time, though, it was good and affordable. The doctors, nurses, and pharmacists were knowledgeable and caring. Sure, there were deficiencies. Eye care and dental procedures were badly reimbursed, even though few of us wear glasses or go to the dentist for fun. My parents retired to France, and lived there for 10 years. Unfortunately, since neither one of them had ever worked in France and paid into the Social Security System, their medical expenses were not covered. They were at the mercy of my father’s GE retirement health care insurance, which took on average 2½ years to reimburse them, after my folks had paid up front.

Still, on the whole, I can’t complain. I had eye surgery, gum surgery, broken toes, and any number of small ailments, which were treated with great care and attention. My grandmother, the scourge of her nursing home, died at the ripe old age of 96, “of too many birthdays.” Sorry about that, those of you who are convinced that socialized medicine means death panels for the elderly.

But most of all, I remember that particularly French way of looking at things. When my usual doctor was away on vacation, I had come down with a nasty case of bronchitis. A dear old doctor had come out of the retirement to cover for him. I stood before him, topless, and feeling a bit sheepish. He checked out the x-rays and beamed at me. “Have you ever smoked?” he inquired. “Never,” I replied. “Why do you ask?” “Ah, Madame! You have such a magnificent pair of lungs!”

About the Author: Michelle A. Mead-Armor is a writer and translator who grew up in Weyersboro, 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. To date, Playboy magazine has not yet asked to photograph her lungs.
When former NBA official Tim Donaghy was arrested for betting on and influencing the outcome of NBA games, it came as no surprise to many fans of the NBA. For years now, fans and commentators alike have wondered aloud about some of the bizarre officiating that has occurred throughout the years. I can remember vividly from college the Lakers-Kings series from 2002. The particularly glaring one was that Lakers-Kings game 6 in which the Lakers were down double figures going into the fourth quarter but managed to pull it out after shooting a bazillion freethrows. (true, bazillion is not a real number, but it may have to become one if our national debt gets any higher.) When Donaghy was arrested and questioned, I was almost relieved to read that the Lakers-Kings series was one that Donaghy claimed was fixed.

After the Donaghy scandal and subsequent fallout, one would think that the NBA would attempt to seriously crack down on officiating, but that has not been the case. This years playoffs has been a perfect example of the “star system” that has permeated the NBA. One of the reasons that at the NBA has turned the average viewer off is because they cannot stand to see Lebron drive down the lane, take three steps and draw a foul by bulling into his defender. They hate watching Derek Fisher grab the off arm of Russell Westbrook and cause a turnover (this actually happened) with no foul called or Tim Duncan allowed to sweat the ball off the rim without being called for a foul pending.

The officiating in the NBA is set up in a tiered system. You have the immortals-hall of fame level players like Kobe and Lebron, followed by the first estate (Great players on bad teams, second level superstars), followed by the second estate (veteran players and rookies) and then the third estate (rookies and/or career backups). Referees then base their foul calls on the tier of the player. For example, Kobe gets away with a foul when being guarded by Thabo Sefolosha. Obviously, since Kobe is the better player, he wouldn’t have fallen down if he had not been fouled, therefore it is a foul. However, if Sefolosha takes Kobe to the rack and falls down, it’s because Kobe is such a good player that Sefolosha just couldn’t finish. In other words, a foul is a foul...depending upon who is doing the fouling and who is being fouled. A travel is not a travel, depending on who is doing the traveling.

Some of this can be explained away by human nature. Great high school players get calls, and it certainly is not because the referees are betting on games or they are trying to get a 7 game series. However, the NBA is supposed to be the highest level of basketball in the world, and you would think that they would have the highest standards of officiating in the world as well. The bias shown in some of these games is questionable though, particularly when TNT is flashing stats like “Dallas is 3-17 when Joey Crawford officiates their games.”

So what’s the solution? It’s not feasible for the NBA to instruct their officials to call every foul and every violation because the outrage by the fans will be great. Imagine a playoff game being bogged down by 80 fouls called and/or violations. Those games could last for 4 hours and the complaints would be all over the mainstream media. My proposal is a little convoluted, but it might work. At the end of the season, the NBA should analyze their own officials, the ones who demonstrate a quantifiable bias towards a certain player or team and the ones who do not. Then base their foul calls on the tier of the player. For example, Kobe goes down like he is shot when being guarded by Thabo Sefolosha. Obviously, since Kobe is the better player, he wouldn’t have fallen down if he had not been fouled, therefore it is a foul. However, if Sefolosha takes Kobe to the rack and falls down, it’s because Kobe is such a good player that Sefolosha just couldn’t finish. In other words, a foul is a foul...depending upon who is doing the fouling and who is being fouled. A travel is not a travel, depending on who is doing the traveling.

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Senior Night a success for Lady Highlanders

By Ryan Potts

Tuesday night before their game with Cherokee, the Lady Highlanders honored eight seniors who had been a huge part of a successful Highlands women’s program. Jessica Gagne, Kate-Marie Parks, Madison Taylor, Shelby Johnson, Susan Johnson, Paige Strahan, Carmen Damien and Katie Durham presented flowers to their parents before getting down to business and beating the Lady Braves 3-0.

While it was senior Paige Strahan that provided the first goal for Highlands early in the first half, it was the Lady Highlander youngsters that showed the future for Highlands would bright.

First, sophomore Stephanie Smart scored off of a beautiful left footed goal late in the second half to extend the lead to 2-0. Then, in the second half, freshman Caroline Churchill just off the near post to complete the final margin of 3-0. The Lady Highlanders dominated the game in a way that the score does not reflect, as they outshot the Lady Braves 40-3 but could not finish around the goal. The Highlanders will compete in the North Carolina 1A state playoffs next week when they will host a yet to be determined opponent on Wednesday May 12. State law requires that there will be an admission charge, but we hope to have a great crowd to support the hometown Lady Highlanders.
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Fidelia Eckerd Living Center (FELC) resident, Danny Welch, surfs the web at the new computer station that was funded by a donation from Joanna Baumrucker and the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH) Gift Shop.

Baumrucker funds technology at Fidelia-Eckerd

Long time supporter of HCH, Joanna Baumrucker, recently presented a check to the Living Center in honor of Louise Clark and in memory of the dedicated Gift Shop volunteers.

The donation was given to assist the FELC’s effort to maintain the “home like” feel that makes the Living Center so special to its residents. A computer desk and four arm chairs were purchased to enhance the ambience of the main lobby. “Many of us may take for granted having access to a computer, but for our residents this wonderful gift enables them to enjoy searching the Internet and allows them to remain connected to family and friends,” said Shawna Mellett, FELC Administrator.

Joanna and the Gift Shop volunteers share a sense of pride—both in the hospital, and in knowing they are giving back to their communities. “The gift shop is the product of tireless energy and determination from Joanna Baumrucker. She and the volunteers give back to the hospital and community each and everyday. For that, we are extremely grateful,” said Frank Leslie, Interim CEO.

Board Certified Physicians

Choosing the best physician for your particular need is one of the most important decisions a person can make. Finding the right combination of knowledge, skill and experience can be a daunting task. Helping with a significant part of that decision-making process are the American Board of Medical Specialties and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital where, unique compared to other area hospitals, all its physicians are Board Certified, or have committed to Certification within two years of joining the hospital. By choosing a Board Certified Physician at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, you will have selected one with experience and outstanding expertise in their particular specialty.

While medical licensure sets the minimum competency requirements to diagnose and treat patients, it is not specialty specific. Board Certification means that a physician has voluntarily gone beyond these requirements and completed rigorous testing and evaluation, in their particular specialty. Additionally, Certification signifies a physician’s commitment and expertise in consistently achieving superior clinical outcomes in a responsive, patient-focused setting. Healthcare providers, insurers and quality organizations look for Certification as the best measure of a physician’s knowledge, experience and skills within their specialty.

Once certified, the physician’s commitment to excellence continues with the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. With MOC, physicians commit to an ongoing process of education, in order to stay at the forefront of advances in medical science, technology and patient care. To keep his or her Board Certification current, the physician’s learning and competency within their specialty, are again measured by Member Boards, using a four part process. This process ensures that the physician: (a) Holds a valid and unrestricted medical license, (b) Makes a lifelong commitment to self assessment and educational programs formulated by the Board, (c) Demonstrates specialty specific skills and knowledge in his or her field, (d) Utilizes the use of best evidence and practices, compared to his or her peers and national benchmarks.

As a result, Board Certified physicians always use the most current evidence-based guidelines and standards within their specialty. With a Board Certified physician, the patient can expect the best medical care. Very small calcifications show up better with digital mammography in denser tissue. The microcalcifications are tiny specks of calcium in the breast, that may appear alone or in clusters. While they do not necessarily mean early cancer is present, the shape and layout of microcalcifications help radiologists like Stinnett judge whether a biopsy or other imaging tests ought to be performed.

The new equipment began serving patients at Highlands- Cashiers Hospital about a month ago.

“Equipment is already proving its worth by helping to diagnose disease and potentially save lives, and now we extend our gratitude to the Cannon Foundation and those community supporters who helped provide for this kind of state-of-the-art technology,” said Taylor.

“Our Foundation strives to assure that HCH has the latest in diagnostic equipment to provide the highest possible standard of care to our communities. We are deeply grateful to the Cannon Foundation, as well as our generous community donors who come together to help us keep pace with state-of-the-art technology for our patients. We are also fortunate to have our medical staff of board certified physicians and registered technologists who are vital to the quality of care provided here,” she added.

The Cannon Foundation, Inc. began in 1943 as a corporate foundation focused on giving...
What could possibly go wrong?

I present the following for those of you who are not fortunate enough to be on the robart, militant, extreme right-wing email circuit.

"Let me get this straight...the house has passed a health care plan written by a committe whose chairman says he doesn’t understand it, passed by a Congress that hasn’t read it but exemptstheemselvesfrom it, signed by a president that also hasn’t read it and who smokes, with funding administered by a treasury chief who didn’t pay his taxes, over-seen by a Surgeon General who is obese, and the pastoral scenery of rural panhandle Florida and southern Georgia was therapeutic and I intend to see the therapy continue.

Therefore, I will deal with insignificant matters and the most insignificant matter I can imagine is our dear wasted soul, Lindsay Lohan. Lindsay has been a busy little lass lately, among other things being accused of stealing a friend’s $35,000 watch. You may remember the little darling was implicated last year in the disappearance of a huge amount of jewelry after a photo shoot. In a totally unrelated incident, she got thrown out of an LA bar the other night after a six-week party binge. Her daddy Mike, who had her committed last year, is trying to get control of his daughter and her sister Ali, who’s crashing at LiLo’s pad; oh yes, he’s trying to get control of her money as well.

Now, wasn’t that interesting? Would you rather hear about Sen. Carl Levin droning on opening the Goldman Sachs hearing? Let’s keep it light, shall we?

“Sometimes we are encouraged about our country’s future when you see something like this. Specifically, there was an annual contest at Texas A&M University calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term. This year’s term was ‘Political Correctness.’ The winner wrote: ‘Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds with the proposition that is entirely possible to pick up stard by the clean end.’"

This is curious. Spell Check doesn’t recognize “turd.” It still doesn’t recognize “Obama” either. Anyway, how about a little discussion on the Greek debt crisis, or the impending collapse of the Portuguese financial structure? OK? I thought not.

"The teacher gave her fifth-grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. Then day, the kids came back and, one by one, began to tell their stories. There were all the regular types of stuff: spilled milk and pen-nies saved, etc. The stories were all told except for one, and she was called on. ‘My daddy told me a story about my Mommy. She was a Marine pilot in Desert Storm, and her plane got shot hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory, and all she had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol and a survival knife.’

She drank the whiskey on the way down and her parachute landed her in the middle of 20 Iraqi troops. She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of ammo, killed four more with the knife, till the blade broke, so she killed the last Iraq with her bare hands. ‘Good Heavens, said the horrified teacher, ‘what did your Daddy tell you was the moral to this horrible story?” Stay away from Mommy when she’s been drinking.”

Are we having fun yet? I feel the urge (not) to delve into the debate NY Mayor Bloomberg and the State of Arizona are having over immigration. I see a number of thumbs down.

“Survivor- Montana style. The contestants will start in Billings; travel over to Bozeman and on to Butte. Then they will head north to Helena, Great Falls, Conrad and Shelby, then proceed east to Havre and Malta, then south to Grassrange and Roundup, and finally back to Billings. Each will bedriving a pink Volvo, California plates and a large bumper sticker that reads: ‘I’m gay, I’m a vegetarian, Deer hunting is murder, and I’m here to confiscate your guns.’ The first one that makes it back to Billings alive wins.”

Next week we’ll return to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune running rampant in our world.

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in the business than a selfless and Godly mission, disagreements with their founder concerning money led to turmoil and lies, and eventually the Fullers were cast out. People should have been outraged at what was done to Millard and Linda and sought to know the truth, but little was said in the media for Millard and Linda’s defense. The Fullers followed Christ’s example, turned the other cheek, and went on with their mission building homes for needy people, establishing a new housing ministry. Millard died and his wife Linda and the others who joined them continue the mission through the Fuller Center for Housing.

Lolly Malik
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Costa to discuss (R) evolution: the life and Times of Charles Darwin

On Thursday May 13, the Highlands Biological Station’s own Dr. Jim Costa, back from his year-long worldwide book tour, will discuss his most recent book, The Annotated Origin, an annotated edition of Darwin’s On the Origin of Species, published by Harvard University Press. We are all aware of Darwin’s earth shattering theories on evolution, but Dr. Costa’s passion for the subject and his years of teaching experience bring Darwin’s more elusive concepts into a relevant context for modern readers. Costa shows how elegant the theory of evolution truly is.

Ongoing

• Registration is now open for the 2010 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered: “WOW! – a World of Wonder” (ages 4-6), “Amazing Animals” (ages 7-10), “NatureWorks” (ages 8-11), “Mountain Explorers” (ages 10-13), and “Junior Ecologists” (ages 11-14). Some camps are offered more than once during the summer. Sessions run from Tuesday to Friday each week. For complete schedules, costs, and other information, please call 828-526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call 828-526-1FIT.

All Week

• YOGA – at Moonrise Yoga Studio, 464 Carolina Way, Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Tues., 8 a.m. & 8 p.m.; Wed., 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. All Levels. Mats provided. 526-8880. More info at www.yogahighlands.com (5/20)

Through May 7

• RBC Bank is collecting nonperishable food products for donation to The Food Pantry of Highlands Emergency Council. Donated items can be dropped off at our branch location at 225 Franklin Rd in Highlands during normal banking hours.

Through Aug. 13

• Mountain Fresh Foods has Relay for Life Star CENTER FOR LIFE ENRICHMENT PRESENTS:

Saturday, May 15

Tae Kwon DOS: The Gentle Art of Computer Self-Defense
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
At PAC
(Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center)
Chestnut Street, Highlands
$20 members; $30 non-members

Saturday, May 22

Buddy Dean:
Growing Dahlias in Highlands & Cashiers
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
at the Highlands Civic Center
(Recreation Park)
$25 members; $35 non-members

Walk-ins Welcome

Please reserve your seat by contacting the CLE office at:
Phone: 526-8811
E-mail: clehighlands@yahoo.com

• See EVENTS page 12

Ruby Cinema
Hwy 441, Franklin, NC
524-2076
May 7-13
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
Mon + Wed: 4:30, 7, 9:30
Tues + Thurs: 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

THE LOSERS
rated PG-13
Friday: 4:15, 7:15
Saturday: 4:15, 7:15
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Tues + Thurs: 4:15, 7:15

CLASH OF THE TITANS in 3D
rated R
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Saturday: 2:15, 9:15
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Tues + Thurs: 2:15, 9:15

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET
rated R
Friday: 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
Saturday: 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
Sunday: 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
Mon + Wed: 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
Tues + Thurs: 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20

THE LAST SONG rated PG
Friday: 4:10, 7
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Sunday: 4:10, 7
Mon + Wed 4:10, 7
Tues + Thurs: 4:10, 7

THE BACK-UP PLAN
rated PG-13
Friday: 9:10
Saturday: 2, 9:10
Sunday: 2, 9:10
Mon + Wed: 9:10
Tues + Thurs: 2, 9:10
Cats & Dogs Rotary Bingo II

“Be Kind to Animals Week” is the first week in May. Cats & Dogs Bingo II – The Sequel is Thursday, May 6th and benefits the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. The Rotary Club of Highlands and CHHS have partnered again to raise money through Cats & Dogs Bingo for our little friends.

Let your pet know you’re going to Cats & Dogs Bingo II – you’ll be amazed at how thankful they’ll be. Half of all money paid to play Bingo will be passed as prize money to the winners and the other half goes to the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society.

Cats & Dogs Bingo II will happen on Thursday, May 6th, 6:30 – 8:30 at the Highlands Community Building – next to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is $5 per card per game and there will be 10 games. With Game 15 being an extra money game. Play as many cards as you like.

Cats and Dogs Bingo is a family-style event that offers fun, a lot of humor, free refreshments served by Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 and the chance to win Bingo money. The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed to operate Bingo games by the State of NC.

Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Tuesdays
• Tuesday After School Classes for grades K-6 are held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.

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

Wednesdays
• Wednesday Preschool Creativity Classes for Parent and Child (ages 2 1/2–5) are held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.

• A FREE After School Program at Highlands United Methodist Church. Children are picked up at school, taken to the church, have a snack, helped with homework time and supervised playing on the playground and participate in a music program. Children are dismissed at 5:30 p.m. in time for dinner in the fellowship hall. For information, call 526-3376.

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. The new meeting place will be in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Come learn about Rotary and enjoy fellowship while listening to an interesting speaker. Meetings end at 8:30 a.m.

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Ongoing and Upcoming Events

the MC Recreation Department. Events are scheduled over a 4-week period For more information, call 828-369-0832 or 838-349-2090. Registration deadline is April 20. Forms are available at the Highlands Rec Park.

Wednesday-Friday, May 5-7
• The North Carolina Lake Management Society (NCLMS) will host the 19th Annual Southeastern Lakes Conference, “Managing Extremes: Watershed and Climate Disruption” in Winston Salem, NC at the Hawthorne Inn. In addition to the main conference all day pre-conference workshops on “Algae Identification” and “Man vs. Stats” will be featured. Main conference sessions cover Technical Training, Watershed Management, Reservoir Management, Water Quality and an Open Forum for lake and home owner associations that includes a presentation on grant writing. Conference registration continues until the Conference opening on May 5th. Information on the Conference and the Hawthorne Inn can be found on the group’s website www.nclakemanagementsociety.org. Interested parties may also email nclakemng@comcast.net.

Thursday, May 6
• Rotary Bingo for 6:30-8:30 at the Community Building. Portion of proceeds to benefit the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society.
• Taize in Highlands is Thursday at 5:30 PM, at the Holy Family Lutheran Church. Taize is a non-denominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.
• A movie at the Cashiers Library at 3 p.m. “Up in the Air” depicts the high-flying life of businessman Ryan Bingham, (George Clooney). After meeting Alex (Vera Farmiga), he realizes that life isn’t just the journey, but the connections along the way. Rated R. Movies are free, but donations are appreciated.

Friday and Saturday, May 7-8
• Relay for Life fundraising. Heather Mangum will be fundraising @ Bryson’s Market from 11am-2pm selling Sun Stars & Feet Cards, Scratch & Donate Cards, Purple Bows, Luminary & Tiki Torches.

Friday, May 7
• The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series begins with Dr. Shepard Krech’s lecture “Spirits of the Air,” at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center.
• The American Cancer Society will Paint the Town Purple. Business and residents can show their support in the fight against cancer by ordering a purple bow to place on their property. The bows are available for a suggested donation of $10 and all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society’s research, education, advocacy and patient service programs. This year’s Relay for Life of Highlands will be held at the Highlands Recreation Park on Friday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. through Aug. 14 at 7 a.m. The Relay for Life is the society’s signature fundraising event. Teams • See EVENTS page 14

... from the history guy

May 6, 1856
Birth of Sigmund Freud (AKA “Kid Id”) founder of the field of psychoanalysis.

Tell me something about your mother, was she neglectful, or inclined to hover? Take a look at this ink blot, does it make you think of sex or love? We can analyze exactly what’s going on in your head. The thing that is that makes you nuts.

The cause of your social paralysis could be you’re troubled, but not exactly crazy. It’s true, on occasion, our thoughts are bizarre, see, but sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.

CLE offers Saturday classes and hosts membership drive

The Center for Life Enrichment begins the 2010 season with Tae Kwon DOS – The Gentle Art of Computer Self-Defense on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. In today’s world bad things can happen if your computer is not protected. There are viruses and worms, and dangers lurking in social networking sites. Learn how to protect yourself and your computer as instructor and computer “geekette” Lizz Russell introduces you some free and reasonably priced programs and little steps that can make all the difference. Bring a laptop if you have one, but it is not necessary. The class is $20 for CLE members and $30 for non-members.

The following Saturday, May 22, Buddy Dean of Hilltop Gardens in Cashiers, will be presenting Growing Dahlias in Highlands and Cashiers, just in time for this year’s growing season. The class is from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Highlands Civic Center (Rec Park). Cost is $25 for members and $35 for non-members.

In addition a membership drive is now in progress and there will be a special ice cream social at SweeTreats on May 28 and 29 with free ice cream offered when you become a member of CLE. Knowledgeable board members will be on hand to answer questions about classes on those two days. If you’ve always had good intentions of joining CLE but have let the intentions get away from you, why not stop in for a chat and a cone.

To sign up for either of these classes or for membership information, contact CLE at 526-8811. To see a full listing of classes you may request a brochure or go to the website www.clehighlands.org
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Bascom to host free season kickoff party May 15

Popcorn, lemonade, five new exhibitions

Art lovers from around the region are invited to open The Bascom’s 2010 season in style when the nonprofit art center hosts its Season Kickoff Party on Saturday, May 15, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The free drop-in event will feature an open house, popcorn and lemonade, a meet-the-artist reception with Patrick Taylor, and the chance to view several new exhibitions: An Artist in Construction: Patrick Taylor, Mud to Music: Ceramic Instruments, Ceramic Wine Goblets, Recent Works: Chad Awalt, and Regional High School Showcase.

The Bascom and its shop are open May 15-December 18, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday afternoons beginning May 30 from 12-5 p.m. The cafe is open May 28-October 10 Tuesdays through Sundays. Exhibition admission is always free.

For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

of people camp out for 24 hours, walking laps on a track, socializing and participating in planned activities. Teams can be made up of family, friends, co-workers or community groups. For more information or to order your purple bow, contact Lisa Duff at 828-994-0431 or Lisa.Duff@cancer.org

Saturday, May 8
• The 2010 Fun Run, slated for Saturday, at 9 a.m. It is one of the major fundraisers for the Highlands School Boosters Club. The event, open to all ages, begins in front of Highlands School, travels the road around Harris Lake and then ends back in front of the school. For more information, please contact Michelle Munger at (828) 342-3551.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 5-mile moderate hike, with an elevation change of 1,200 feet overall, to Blackrock Mtn. and Sassafras Gap in Panthertown Valley to see three waterfalls, pink shell azaleas, and perhaps some flame azalea and painted Trillium. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 16 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Carl Blozan, 743-1765, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

Monday, May 10
• The H-C Land Trust’s first Eco-Tour will search for the rare Pink Shell Azalea. This moderate 5-mile hike to Panthertown Valley will be led by local hiker, Carl Blozan and botanist, Dr. Gary Wein. Lunch will be provided on the trail. Tours are only $5 for HCLT members and $35 for new friends. The price includes a membership to HCLT and lunch on the trail. For more information or to reserve your spot today, contact Julie at 526.1111 or julie.hitrust@earthlink.net

Wednesday, May 12
• The High Mountain Squares will dance this Wednesday night, May 12th at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 7-9 p.m. Marty Northrup from Columbus, NC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, mainstream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, 706-0943.

Thursday, May 13
• Taize in Highlands is Thursday at 5:30 PM. at the Highlands United Methodist Church. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

• The May meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday.

• A reception to honor all cancer caregivers at Fressers Eatery at 7 p.m. For more information about this year’s Relay for Life of Highlands and for upcoming events go to www.relayforlife.org/highlands.

Fri. & Sat., May 14-15
• Barbara Zaretsky will teach a fiber art workshop, “Creating Pattern on Fab-
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

The Highlands-Cashiers Players are fortunate to showcase the talent of Virginia Talbot in the upcoming production of Daphne du Maurier’s classic “Rebecca.”

Talbot is set to wow audiences with her “frighteningly, creepy, portrayl of Mrs. Danvers, the contempluous housekeeper and one of literature’s most infamous female villains. From a very early age, Virginia’s parents had her “on-stage” acting out fairy tale scenes with her sister in their living room. Later, her mother built the small marionette stage where they performed plays for family members and their elementary school.

During her childhood, Talbot’s creativity is what made her elaborate home movies. These were full-fledged, scripted dramas using family members in the parts, complete with authentic costumes, horses, antique cars and exotic locations when needed.

Talbot attended high school in Macon, GA, where she gained valuable experience in directing, as each class, 9th through 12th, produced a skit for the annual stunt night.

After high school, she earned an A.B. Degree in Journalism from the University of Georgia with a Major in Radio/Television. She went on to a year of graduate work in UGA’s Theater Department where she performed in several campus productions.

Next, Talbot earned a second degree in Education at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. While there, she continued to pursue her love for the theater, acting in several plays, including “The Heiress,” in which she played opposite guest artist, John Carracline.

When Talbot was ready to begin her career, she applied for a job as an English teacher in Tacoma. The Tacoma School District had just been given a Ford Foundation Grant to teach high school students via television so with her unique qualifications she was the perfect person for the job. She became the on-air literature teacher and later taught science via television to primary students as well.

She went on to write, produce and direct a number of television programs and series. She won West Coast “Emmy’s” for two of her programs for children.

Talbot’s husband, Dean Zuch, is also appearing in “Rebecca.” Zuch plays Manderley’s butler, Frith. He moved to Highlands full-time in 1988. Virginia became involved with HCP when she was cast as M’Lynn, the mother, in “Steel Magnolias. Since then, she and Zuch have done numerous plays and have been critical to the success of many, many HCP productions. Talbot has directed 10 plays for HCP, with “Proof” and “Accomplished” being her, her most challenging and rewarding. Of the 10 plays she has performed in, her favorite, so far, has been “Moon Over Buffalo,” a wild farce in which she played opposite her husband.

Join the cast and crew for an opening night reception after the performance on Thursday, May 13.

“Rebecca” will run May 13-16 and May 20-23 at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands. The box office is open for ticket sales. To reserve tickets, call (828) 526-8084.

HCP veteran Talbot to star in ‘Rebecca’
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

May Dahlia workshop and Mountain Garden sale events

Did you know that our Highlands plateau has the ideal climate for growing Dahlias?

Our weather is very similar to that of Oregon and Washington State which is where most of the nationally known dahlia suppliers have their gardens. The Cashiers Village Green Park features The Great Smoky Mountain Trail Garden which is officially sanctioned by the American Dahlia Society.

Years ago almost every Cashiers and Highlands home garden had dahlias on display. Fortunately the popularity of growing dahlias is returning. People are amazed by the lovely color variations, sizes, and forms. There is always some new variety people just “have to have.” People are anxious to learn as much as possible about the best growing practices in our area.

The most important requirement for growing dahlias is having a garden area which receives at least 6 hours of sun a day. Your dahlias will bloom from mid June until frost! Dahlias do need to be dug up each fall and stored in a moderately cool and dry area.

Interested gardeners, especially “Dahlia 101” beginners, are encouraged to attend a seminar on Saturday, May 22 from 10 until Noon at the Highlands Rec. Park.

The Center for Life Enrichment, CLE, is offering this class taught by nationally known dahlia grower and hybridizer, Buddy Dean. CLE members pay $25; CLE non-members pay $33. Call (828) 526-8811 for more information. This is being held at the beginning of the dahlia growing season, so you can begin your own dahlia adventure immediately after the program.

The Mountain Garden Club, Inc. will feature dahlia tubers for sale again this year. The Plant Sale will be Saturday, May 29th from 9 until 1 at the Highlands Ball Park on 64 East at Hickory Street. Dahlia gardeners who lost their tubers in the ground this past harsh winter will need to replace them. Be there early for the best selection of tubers.

Bernice Talley and her husband, Ed, have been growing dahlias in the same location in Highlands for 58 years.

Later in the season you may want to attend a regional or national dahlia show. The Carolinas Dahlia Society Show will be held September 10-13 at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. The 44th American Dahlia Society Show, entitled “Dahlia Time Down South” will be September 23-26 in Chattanooga, TN.

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Fri.-Sat., May 21-22
• Relay for Life fundraising. Heather Mangum will be fundraising @ Bryson’s Market from 11am-2pm selling Sun Stars & Feet Cards, Scratch & Donate Cards, Purple Bows, Luminaria & Tiki Torches.
Mon.-Fri., May 24-28
• Town of Highlands Spring Cleanup. The street and sanitation departments will pick up items you would like taken to the dump. Simply deposit them outside your home for pickup.
Monday, May 24
• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its initial 2010 meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library. Speakers will be Walker Parrott and Landon Lipke of Davidson River Outfitters. Following the presentation, a raffle will be held featuring a full day, two person float trip on the French Broad River fishing for smallmouth, provided by Davidson River Outfitters. Everyone is welcome! Call 828-885-7130 for more information.
• Mirror Lake Assocaton meeting at the Civic Center at 6 p.m.
Tues.-Fri., May 25-28
• Karen Wells will teach an oil painting workshop, “Still Life: Out of the Garden,” at The Bascom for all levels. Cost is $400 Bascom members, $425 non member. Registration is going on now. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit www.thebascom.org.
• Joe Frank McKee will teach a ceramics workshop, “Advanced Throwing Techniques,” at The Bascom for non-beginner to advanced students. Cost is $375 Bascom members, $400 nonmembers. Registration is going on now. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.
Thursday, May 27
• Taize in Highlands is every Thursday at 5:30 PM at Holy Family Lutheran Church. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.
Sat. & Sun., May 29 & 30
• Village Square Art & Craft Show at Highlands Rec Park. 10 - 5. Regional artisans, food, face painting, music, fun for the whole family. Free. (828) 787-2021 for info.
Saturday, May 29
• 7th Annual “Salamander Meander” at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 pm, ages 7 – adult. Join herpetologists on a night search to observe some of the area’s magnificent salamanders in the wild. Bring rain gear and a flashlight. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/htgs for more information.
Tues. - Sat., June 1-5
• Patchwork Folk & Fabric Festival Traditional Folk Demonstrating Traditional Skills in Cullowhee, NC at the Jackson County Recreation Center at 86 Cullowhee Mountain Road. Classes and festival. For more information, call 828-293-3053.
Thursday, June 3
• Taize in Highlands is every Thursday at 5:30 PM at Holy Family Lutheran Church. Taize is a non-
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Benefactors treated to special private wine dinners at exclusive Highlands homes

Imagine yourself sipping a glass of Burgundy from Pegnatiello, as you gaze at the stars from the LeCraw home, or enjoy gloriously prepared food and fine wine as you experience the best of the Fisher estate, the Jones’ Frog Pond Farm or the Butler home. These are just some of the very special perks this year that can be enjoyed only by benefactors of the Collective Spirits wine festival.

Benefactors will have the opportunity to attend one of four private wine dinners on Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m., when select Highlandsers will open their homes and provide private wine cellars for a variety of wine dinners. Local and regional chefs will prepare cuisine paired with wines from some of the leading vineyards.

“This will be an evening to remember for all lovers of good food and fine wine,” said Dick Boger, event chair. “The dinners will be personally tailored to interact with the guests, educating, entertaining and creating a beautiful environment.”

Venues are as follows:

• The Fisher home: Enjoy this private wine dinner at Cathy and Bob Fisher’s mountain manor. Wine by Vader, and cuisine by Chef Hugh Acheson of Five & Ten. Weather permitting, guests can enjoy the patio with fireplace, or the indoor hunting lodge dining room.

• Jones Frog Pond Farm: This beautiful home owned by Paula and Barry Jones, of The Summer House, features a magnificent organic garden that was showcased as the site of the 2009 Mountains in Bloom Patrons’ Party. Wine by Anderson Conn Valley, and cuisine by Chef Anthony Gray High Cotton.

• The LeCraw home: This mountain-top home in Highlands Country Club includes a telescope and planetarium that guests can enjoy weather-permitting. Burgundy wines from Pegnatiello, Asheville, and cuisine by Chef Louis Osteen, Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant.

• The Butler home: Guests will love this beautiful Highlands home owned by Harry and Becky Butler, Georgetown, S.C. Wines by Silver Oak and cuisine by Chef Todd Ginsberg of Bocado.

The private wine dinners are gracious-ly sponsored by Bank of New York Mellon. Benefactors select from the following venues, with priority given to upper-level benefactor and sponsors. Limited seating is available at each venue; first-come, first-served.

Chef Louis Osteen of Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant, is one of the four chefs who will wine and dine benefactors of the Collective Spirits wine festival in May.

All of this in addition to the many other perks benefactors receive at the multi-day wine festival. Other benefits include:

- Benefit tickets to the Friday night “Stock Your Cellars” Wine Tasting and the Saturday night “Chateau Bascom” Gala Wine Dinner and Auction featuring Dick Grace and auctioneer Greg Quiroga, wine meditations, free Saturday daytime wine symposiums, free wine acknowledgment, and more.

To become a benefactor and attend the private wine dinners and other signature Collective Spirits events, visit www.collectivespirits.com or call (828) 526-4949. Benefactor tickets start at $1,500/couple. All proceeds benefit education and the visual arts.

Wilmingston Trust is the primary sponsor of Collective Spirits. Silver sponsors are AirTran, Bank of New York Mellon, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, Lanigan Insurance Group, and Henneguy 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.

The 2010 Fun Run is Saturday, May 8, at 9 a.m., at Highlands School

The event, open to all ages, is one of the major fundraisers for the Highlands School Booster Club. The fun run begins in front of Highlands School, travels the road around Harris Lake and then ends back in front of the school.

A bikewalk will be awarded to the first male and first female to cross the finish line in the K-5 age group. A $30 cash prize will be awarded to the first male and first female to cross the finish line in the 6-8 middle school grade division. Running is not required of the participants – many choose to enjoy the walk.

Sign-up sheets are being sent home with all elementary and middle school students and participants may also sign up on the day of the run. The participation fee is $10.

“The Highlands School Booster Club is in the process of raising funds to build a concession stand at our new soccer field. We are going to be fully furnishing this as well,” said Tina Rogers, Booster Club president.

“Our own students from the construction class will be building this for which will cut down greatly on our costs. Also we are continuing to add improvements to our softball field as needed to help re-grow this sport for our students,” said Rogers. “This Fun Run will be a great fundraiser to help offset any of the present projects we are working on.”


For more information, please contact Michelle Munger at (828) 342-3535.

HCCDC Gala set for August 8

The Up, Up and Away Gala, benefiting the Highlands Community Child Development Center will take place August 8th at the Highlands Country Club. The fun-filled evening features cocktails, dinner, and dancing to the “Class Act” band. A silent auction will feature a hot air balloon ride for four, a Herbert Creecy oil painting, a Rob Stern glass vessel, a Robin Piscitelli wooden bowl, a Cherry Brewer painting, and a gourmet dinner party in a fabulous Highlands home to name a few items.

All gala proceeds go to the licensed, nonprofit center which provides a safe haven and excellent foundation for the children of working parents. The center is a 501©3 charity and provides the only state-licensed, full-year, 5-day preschool program to the entire community. Its mission emphasizes support of the working families that provide the services which, in turn, provides the wonderful quality of life known to Highlands residents and visitors.

Serving approximately 60 children from two months to five years of age, the center provides age-appropriate curriculum.
**SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING**

*The Day of the Lord*

In my last article, I wrote about the great day of judgment. I would like to continue that discussion. The day of judgment is also referred to as “the day of the Lord.” It is so called because it will be the day the Lord Jesus returns appearing in all of his glory, displaying the wonders of his mediation. This will be accompanied with the perfection of his government.

On this great day he will be known by all and crowned the Lord of lords and King of kings. This will be the day all disputes of his divinity will end. This will be his day...” For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son” (John 5:22). That day will be the Day of the Lord.

This great day is to be a great assembly of the created beings of God. The angels of heaven and the fallen ones shall all be present with the men of every age. There shall be missing not one rational creature. The courts of the universe shall come into session and the Trials will begin. The number present shall be without number. II Corinthians 5:10: “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...” In this day we will see the first and the last gathering of all people of the universe.

I think one of the most amazing things of this day will be the surprise that is found. Matthew 25:37-39: “Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’” It might be less surprise if these judgments were turned around. Jesus makes this statement in Matthew 25:22-23: “Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and in the name of Your Son, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me, ye who practice lawlessness.’” The judgments made by men will not stand on this day. The opinions of men about the matters will all fall on this great day. The secrets of the hearts of all will be exposed, nothing shall remain hidden. Those who in their wickedness are exalted will be laid low and cast into hell. Those who have held to righteousness and been persecuted and tormented will shine as the light and their judgment as the sun. The innocent will see all the accusation against them removed. The guilty will have forever attached to them the wickedness of their hearts. On that day every misdeed will be corrected and every good deed rewarded. The mess we know as this world will be made right.
Many consumers comment that some Realtors as well as some economists seem confused about the future of housing sales. They point out that sometimes we seem bullish and sometimes we seem bearish. Let's set the record straight about this.

Whether the Highlands housing market is likely to be up or down in the future is based on how many people decide to buy homes. Their decisions are based on a myriad of personal factors such as health concerns, whether they are close to retirement, whether they need or want a second home, whether they can afford to buy and so on. Their views are also affected by tax credits, home prices, mortgage rates and a host of other factors out of their control. In short, there are more than a few variables. What do we think?

Going back over 30 years shows that one consistent barometer is the “5%” rule. That is, over 30 years of data shows that roughly 5% of all household tend to buy a new or existing home each year. (Note: In 2005 the percentage had reached 7.2% or 44% ABOVE the sustainable long term rate.) On that basis, and given approximately 120 million households in the U.S., then “normal” housing sales should be around six million for this year. Given where we are at the start of May, that seems to be where we will finish.

In short, we are bullish about a solid if not spectacular year for housing sales.

There’s been some confusion about how the new health care bill may affect real estate. First, there is no 4% “sales tax” or “transfer tax” on the sale of a home included in the health care bill. Additionally, there is nothing in the bill that impacts the mortgage interest deduction.

What was included in the health bill is a provision that imposes a new 3.8% Medicare tax for some high income households that have “net investment income.” Any revenue collected by the tax is dedicated to the Medicare hospital insurance program. The new Medicare tax will take effect January 1, 2013.

Of course, you need to check with your own tax professional to see how the new health care reform bill can affect your bottom line.

For more information on real estate in Highlands, contact Judy Michaud at Meadows Mountain Realty 828-526-1717 or toll free 866-526-3558. Please feel free to stop by our office across the street from “Sweet Treats” at 450 N. 4th Street in Highlands or at 94-1 Highway 64 West in Cashiers. Or visit us online at www.meadowsmtnrealty.com. Judy can also be reached by email at info@meadowsmtnrealty.com.

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This day will be a day of exposure. Timothy 5:24 “Some men’s sins are early evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.” All the sins of the wicked will be shown in all of their vile and reprehensible nature. Every wicked plot imagined and carried out will be exposed. They shall all be held up to the light and the rebuke of God.

What hope do you have as you approach this great day of the Lord Jesus? Absolutely none if you remain in your sins and convinced of your own worth. But, if you acknowledge yourself for the sinner you are and call out to God for mercy, he will hear and he will save your soul and provide for you an Advocate that Great Day. That Advocate is Jesus Christ. If you have placed your faith and hope in him, he will speak to the Father on your behalf and call you his brother and make your place with him in heaven.
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knowledge, professionalism and patient focused skills. Simply stated, they will experience the highest standard of quality patient care available.

"Being unique in insisting on Board Certified physicians at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, is just part of our total team endeavor for excellence," said VP of Operations, Frank Leslie. "The benefit of the certification program means that we are giving people confidence when choosing one of our physicians, confidence that they have chosen the most competent physician for their needs."

For more information on The American Board of Medical Specialties, visit www.abms.org.

About Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

HCH is a community hospital that provides diagnostic, surgical and acute patient care to the public 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. We make the extra effort to assure that you get "best of class" care, and feel "special" every time you pass through our doors. HCH also provides Primary Care 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. The hospital continues to expand its program to provide the full range of quality healthcare. 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.

Susan Posey and Dr. Tom Smith as recipients of the 2010 Don Lucey Award.

The Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic is unique in the state of North Carolina in the quantity and scope of its free services. Clinic patients are uninsured, and the majority have incomes below the federal poverty level. In its first five years of operation, the Clinic has provided dental treatment to over 1,700 patients. Their dental needs have required over 18,000 procedures. The value of these services exceeds $2,300,000.

Dr. Don Lucey established one of North Carolina’s first free clinics in 1985, Raleigh’s Open Door Clinic. He later helped to establish the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics and was elected its first president. He has continued to devote his life to assisting free clinics. To honor him, the Don Lucey Award was established to recognize individuals who characterize the mission of quality healthcare for all.

The awards ceremony took place April 8th in Greenville, NC. This is the first time the award has been shared by two individuals. The Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic is also the first dental clinic to receive the award.
Bob Zahner scholar named

Western Carolina University senior and Franklin resident Erik Ahl (right) accepts congratulations from Jim Costa, WCU professor of biology and executive director of the Highlands Biological Station, after being named the first recipient of the Bob Zahner Scholarship in Environmental Sciences. Funded by the Barstow Foundation in 2009 to honor the memory of the late Highlands conservationist Bob Zahner, the scholarship will be used to support Ahl’s participation in the fall 2010 semester-in-residence program at the Highlands Biological Station. The program is offered in cooperation with the UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for the Environment. Ahl, an environmental science major at WCU, is the son of Roger and Eileen Ahl of Franklin and is employed at Cyprus Restaurant in Highlands.

Mayor kicks off ‘Paint Highlands Purple’

Highlands Mayor David Wilkes signs the proclamation from The American Cancer Society declaring the “Paint Highlands Purple” campaign. In celebration of Relay For Life of Highlands, businesses and residents can show their support in the fight against cancer by ordering a purple bow to place on their property. Suggested donations for the bows are $10 each. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society’s research, education, advocacy and patient service programs in Macon County. For more information about ordering your purple bow please contact Lisa Duff at Lisa.Duff@cancer.org

WCU recognizes Literacy Council

Bessie Dietrich Goggins, executive director of the Literacy Council of Highlands, receives an award of appreciation from Glenn Bowen, director of Western Carolina University’s Center for Service Learning, for the Literacy Council’s service as a community partner to the university and for her time as a board member for WCU’s Service Learning Advisory Board.

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Erika Olvera when she was on the Highlands Police Dept.

lands Police Captain Forrester.

Buckley said for almost two years Olvera was subjected to rumors about an alleged affair with Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell and a subsequent pregnancy and abortion. On the EEOC charge, Olvera claims false rumors began circulating about a romantic affair between herself and Chief Harrell after a “short period of work with the department.” She states that the false rumors were circulated by city employees as well as a member on the police force, who was not named in the complaint. She states that the Town Administrator advised her to ignore the comments, however the rumors and harassment continued.

In November 2009, she claims the allegations and rumors resurfaced and she was falsely accused of having an extramarital affair with Chief Harrell as well as having an abortion paid for by him.

On January 14, 2010, Olvera states that she was called into a meeting with Town Manager Jim Fatland and Town Attorney Bill Coward where she was questioned repeatedly about the alleged affair and abortion procedures.

“She has dealt with this ordeal almost two years,” said Buckley. “It was humiliating to have people asking her this question, ‘Did the Chief get you pregnant and did you have an abortion? This was all fiction and pretty demeaning stuff,” hesaid.

On January 25, 2010, Buckley said Olvera submitted a polygraph at Town Manager Jim Fatland’s request. Results were positive verifying her denial of an affair with Chief Harrell, a subsequent pregnancy and abortion.

“The polygraph, though not evidence in any real sense, cleared her of any wrongdoing,” he said. “Polygraphs are used to ferret out wrong doing. However, the positive outcome of the polygraph didn’t help her.”

Soon thereafter, Buckley said Olvera received a call from a fellow officer Captain Forrester who asked if she had transported a male officer home in her car. She said she did because of inclement weather and because she had a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

According to Olvera’s complaint statement, Captain Forrester then relayed a message to her from Town Manager Jim Fatland, saying she was no longer allowed to be in a car with a male officer.

“This rendered her unable to perform her job like other male officers,” said Buckley.

“I imagine being a police officer and being called to a crime scene and you are alone as opposed to having a partner because you can’t ride in a car with another male officer. We believe she was mistreated. The fact that her sex and race have come into play is a violation of law. She should have been treated like any other member of the Highlands Police force,” said Buckley.

“If two male officers are seen riding in a car together no one leaps to the conclusion that two men are sleeping together.

“The town was patently unfair to give such credence to rumors that a female, Hispanic officer was engaging in anything other than professional behavior in a car with another male officer.

“In fact, the town gave the rumors such credence that Ms. Olvera’s job description was changed so that she wasn’t allowed to be in a vehicle with a male officer which means she couldn’t perform her job to the same extent as another male officer.

“The change in her status impaired her ability to perform her duties because if she needed back up she wouldn’t have it,” hesaid.

“We don’t know who started the rumors, but we have a pretty good idea,” Buckley said. “The rumors were false and calculated to injure her in her job and they had the desired affect.”

EEOC representatives said the town should have received the EEOC complaint within 10 days of the April 14 filing.

Buckley said several things could happen next: the EEOC will instruct the town to reply to the allegations of the charge; the EEOC may investigate the charge and may enter into a finding of its own; and it may issue Olvera a “right to sue” letter. She then has 90 days to file in court.

“Or, this could be resolved in advance of court with a monetary settlement,” said Buckley.

Buckley said he’s never seen an EEOC finding or investigation determine one way or another what he does in a case. “An EEOC investigation is only as good as the investigator,” he said.

Buckley said he hopes Olvera can have a career at a more enlightened law enforcement agency somewhere which would be willing to hire her.

The Olvera family has lived in Highlands for over 20 years. Erika was born in Mexico; is a 1999 graduate of Highlands School; is a citizen of the United States and is Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) certified.

On Wednesday, Highlands’ Newspaper contacted Town Attorney Bill Coward, Mayor David Wilkes and Town Manager Jim Fatland by email and phone about the issue.

Attorney Coward said the case is being handled by an attorney hired by the town’s insurance company. Fatland said a law firm from Charlotte was selected by Traveler’s Insurance. The attorney is preparing a response to the claim “at not cost to the town,” said Fatland.

- Kim Lewicki
The Franklin Panthers 10 & Under Travel Baseball Team competed in the USSSA Canton Spring Classic, April 24 & 25, 2010, in Canton, N.C. Out of 7 teams, the Panthers earned the title of AA Champions and were awarded with a team trophy along with Mizuno batting jackets for each player. Pictured are: Front Row L-R: Cameron Gibson, Dylan Burt, Parker Vaughn, Turner Swafford. Middle Row: Evan Pritikin, Grant Stiles, Bryson Burt, Harrison Shomaker, Andrew Terrell, Justin Penland. Back Row: Coaches Bryan Burt, Chris Schofield, Jamie Stiles, Brian Terrell.

April Rotary students of the month

The Rotary Club of Highlands honored the April Highlands School Students of the Month at its April 27 meeting. Shown with Rotary President, Paul Schmitt, and Highlands School Counselor, Thomas Jessup, are high school winner, Jamie Bolt, grammar school winners, Alley and Tiffany Preda and middle school winner, Valerie Billingsley.

MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MEMBERSHIP MANAGER — Full-time, reporting to the Chief Development Officer, Manager will be part of The Bascom’s outreach, fundraising, and advancement team. She/He will create and follow detailed marketing plan and devise, track, execute, report on, and evaluate promotion of education programs, exhibitions, events and special initiatives. She/He is coordinator of outreach / promotion and all print, electronic, signage and website communications. Manager designs messaging and strategic action to build audiences, membership, attendance, enrollment, corporate sponsorships, foundation support, shop retail sales, and event ticketing, and strengthen donor recognition and relationships with external constituencies. Requirements: bachelor’s degree in English or related, and minimum of 5 years demonstrated success with organizational branding, media and volunteer relations, production of printed materials and websites, juggling seasonal workload, multiple projects, and competing deadlines. Must have proven written and oral communication, budgeting and Microsoft Office computer skills; and track record in Moves Management. Knowledge of 20th-21st century American arts and crafts a plus. The Bascom is a registered charity with educational mission. By May 14, submit cover letter and resume to: Darlene Marett, Executive Assistant, The Bascom, dmarett@thebascom.org. No phone calls please. (5/13)

FULL-TIME OR PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT HIGH-END CLOTHING STORE. Retail sales experience necessary. Call 828-462-2110. (St. 3/4)

LOG CABIN RESTAURANT is under new management. Re-opening May 17. Looking for front and back of the house staff. Call 526-3380. (St. 4/29)

WAITSTAFF AT DOWNHILL GRILL. at Scaly Mountain. Must be energetic and speak English. Call Cindy at See 526-1863. (st. 4/22)

MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY HAS IT’S COFFEE ROASTER UP AND RUNNING IT NOW READY TO LAUNCH THE COFFEE/ESPRESSO BAR. We want to meet experienced baristas and we will train coffee enthusiast who desire to work for an energetic company with coffee passion and excellence. (st. 4/29)

MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY has an experienced butcher position available. Call Kevin at 526-2400. (st. 4/1)

MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY is looking for a smiling face to join our team as a cashier. Apply in person corner of 5th and Main Highlands. (st. 4/1)

FRESSEY’S EATERY now taking applications for experienced waitstaff and line cooks. Call Debbie at 526-8847. (st. 4/1)

(1) POLICE OFFICER, HIGHLANDS, NC, SALARY GRADE: (121) $28,457.00-$45,492. Full Family Medical REQUIREMENTS: Successful candidate must be 21 years of age; BLET-certified; and submit to an extensive background investigation, drug screening, and psychological evaluation. Applicant must possess a valid North Carolina, South Carolina, or Georgia driver’s license, for the state which they reside in as a permanent resident. Applicant must successfully complete the Highlands Police Department application process. CLOSING DATE: Until Filled CONTACT: Highlands Police Department, Capt. R.L. Forrester, 310 Oak Street, Highlands, NC 28741. (828) 526-6734. (st. Feb. 28)

REGISTERED DIETICIAN AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. PRN position requiring 4 to 8 hours per week. Bachelor’s degree and current registration with the ADA and NC required. Preferably a minimum of one year experience in clinical nutrition. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at www.hchospital.org

PRN-RN’S AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. Experienced Med-Surg and ER Nurses needed. Strong leadership skills are a must. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at www.hchospital.org

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. PRN position working 12 hour shifts. Must be on call at night and be within 20 minutes of the hospital. Intubation experience a must. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at www.hchospital.org

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LOST CAT

ORANGE & WHITE MALE TABBY Lost in the Weaverville Lake Sequoyah area. Clear flea collar. Please call 828-524-3550 or 828-634-4072.

WORK WANTED

LOOKING FOR CARPENTRY WORK. Have tools. Please call Alfordo: 524-9304 or 371-2976.

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

3BD/3BA IN TOWN OF HIGHLANDS, (Less than 5 minutes from main street) in beautiful, quiet neighborhood. Includes SAPPHIRE, NC HOME SITE AND RESORT MEMBERSHIP. $582,800 FSBO.com/22280435 Call 828-200-9067. (st. 5/6)

FOR SALE – 3br2bath 1600 sqft, unfinished basement shed work area, handicapped accessible. Elevator, metal roof, hardwood floors, Pela windows. Gas furnace, stone fireplace, w/ wood storage building 3.55 acres, 6 miles from downtown $198,000. 828-526-8191 (5/20)

ADORABLE 225 JOE WEBB LOG CABIN only
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TWO LOTS IN BLUE VALLEY – Dead-end Road. Water & Septic included. Softfloor and foundation on one, 70-ft. single-wide on the other. $55 acre and .65 acre. Borders USFS and great view of Swallow Mountain. Call 828-482-2052. (St. 11/24)

$295,000 for both. BY OWNER NO AC NEEDED CLASSIC COUNTRY HOME. 4.2 acres. Perennial landscaping, 4 bed 3 bath, garage and shed 2900 sq. ft living space. 1.523 sq. ft deck. $338,500, 743-5788 (st. 10/15)

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1 BED 1 BATH – 2 miles from Highlands. $650/mth. Call 526-2561 (5/16)

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make known to the community an application form to be used by persons wishing to use the PAC building. The PAC administrative director will give out the applications.

The third item on the document says PAC will use the newspapers and other media to get its message out concerning its mission, scheduling, and responsibilities as manager of the PAC building.

After a closed session at the April 21 Town Board meeting, Town Attorney Bill Coward was instructed to massage verbiage presented for the amended PAC lease. However, Monday night, Mayor David Wilkes encouraged the group to handle the lease themselves.

“We are going to get back from Bill (Coward) whatever an attorney can defend in court,” he said. “The people on the PAC board are a dedicated group of volunteers who have done a great job for years and built a reputation at PAC. I suggest we leave the lease as written so the PAC board has a significant degree of latitude to schedule events. The more you limit them the less you get out of a volunteer board.”

Commissioner Amy Patterson, who initiated the changes to the PAC lease so the practice of not being exclusionary will be guaranteed, said “Coward told the board the purpose of the lease is to have legal recourse so if the board changes the new board can’t start doing things differently.”

“The public needs to be protected by policy and practice,” she said. “A lease is a legal document which will be signed for 10 years so it’s binding for 10 years. The PAC volunteers are dedicated but they have agendas as individuals.”

She also said that with rules spelled out in a lease, if someone makes application to PAC, and can’t get in, they have a court of appeals in the Town Board which has standing, if it is stated in the lease.

However Leslie and Manning were adamantly against inclusion of verbiage suggested at the April Town Board meeting basically saying by policy and practice “the public is entitled to seek and request use of the building and its assets within the reasonable policies and procedures which might include scheduling, content, and any other aspect of a performance, program or activity.”

They contend that the inclusion of that verbiage is needed that the PAC board has been doing something wrong.

“If that’s your intent and you say you do it anyway, why not just put it in the lease?” asked Patterson. “Why isn’t this such a big deal? Why are you so adamantly opposed to putting the fact that PAC gets public money and therefore the public should have access to the building in the lease?”

Commissioner Larry Rogers said the point was to make the lease bullet proof so no one has to go through this process again.

“The lease has to protect everyone,” he said.

When pushed by Leslie to name a time a meeting was held at PAC at which Manning was present, when she said “A member of a group that uses PAC extensively said his group was uncomfortable with another theater group coming into PAC to put on plays.”

Manning said he told that person such sentiment wasn’t appropriate.

Finally, everyone had said their piece. Monday night the group settled on the above mentioned verbiage which was suggested by Commissioner John Dotson. It will be incorporated into the lease.

Kim Lewicki

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dexter. Beale won 38.93% of the vote with 1,252 votes; Simpson won 31.75% with 1,021 votes and Poin
dexter gleaned 29.32% with 943 votes.

In November, Democrats Beale and Sim
don't really need the program because "we know why storefronts are empty, the rents are too high," he said.

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