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**Through Wed., Nov. 23**

• Signups are now being accepted for the upcoming Macon County Boys Basketball season at the Highlands Civic Center. For more information call Michelle Munger at 828-342-3551 or 828-342-3850.

**Wed., Nov. 23**

• Highlands Chapter #284 Order of the Eastern Star will be selling pumpkin rolls on Wednesday at Bryson's Food Store beginning at 9:30 a.m. and on e. Pre-orders will be taken but are not necessary. You may call Paula Gordon at 342-4378 to order your pumpkin roll. Cost will be \$12.

## Highlands electric rates to go up again

Tuesday night the Town Board amended its contract with Duke Energy and learned that Highlands' wholesale electric rates will be increasing in January - increases which will be passed

on to Highlands' residents.

Instead of instigating a large rate increase in one fell swoop in July, the town will likely phase in the increases as it has done in the past by using its rate stabilization

fund. Phasing in the increase will ease citizens' pain, but electric bills will go up again, for sure.

"The increase in rates represent Duke's wholesale increase to

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## Zoning Board grants sign variance

Last Wednesday night the Zoning Board of Adjustment pulled out all the stops to grant a sign variance to Ralph deVille, owner of the Stone Lantern.

The sign, which has been on the store-front since 1960, is out of compliance with current sign regulations but deVille told the Zoning Board that he has never received any notification from the town concerning the sign. "This seems like an arbitrary thing since it's been up for 50 years and this summer is the first I've heard that I'm not in compliance," he said.

The town's sign ordinance went into affect in 1984 and was amended in 1990. At that time all signs were amortized and given seven years to come into compliance.

The frontage of his building on Main Street near the corner of S. 5<sup>th</sup> is 25 linear feet which allows for a 12 ½ sq. ft. sign. His

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## Creating at The Bascom!



Kindergartners enjoy their first pottery experience at The Bascom! Pictured are Samuel Kolousek and Trip Calloway. The Bascom's youth outreach programs are an amazing, energizing, valuable art experience and just plain FUN! The Bascom is open year-round - Mon. through Sat., 10 am to 5 pm and Sun., 12 noon to 5 pm. Enjoy workshops, exhibitions, special events and quality programs throughout the year at The Bascom. For more information, to register for Bascom workshop offerings or for more details on all Bascom activities, visit [www.TheBascom.org](http://www.TheBascom.org) or call 828.526.4949.

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## • LETTER •

### Scheduling conflicts and more discussed with mayor

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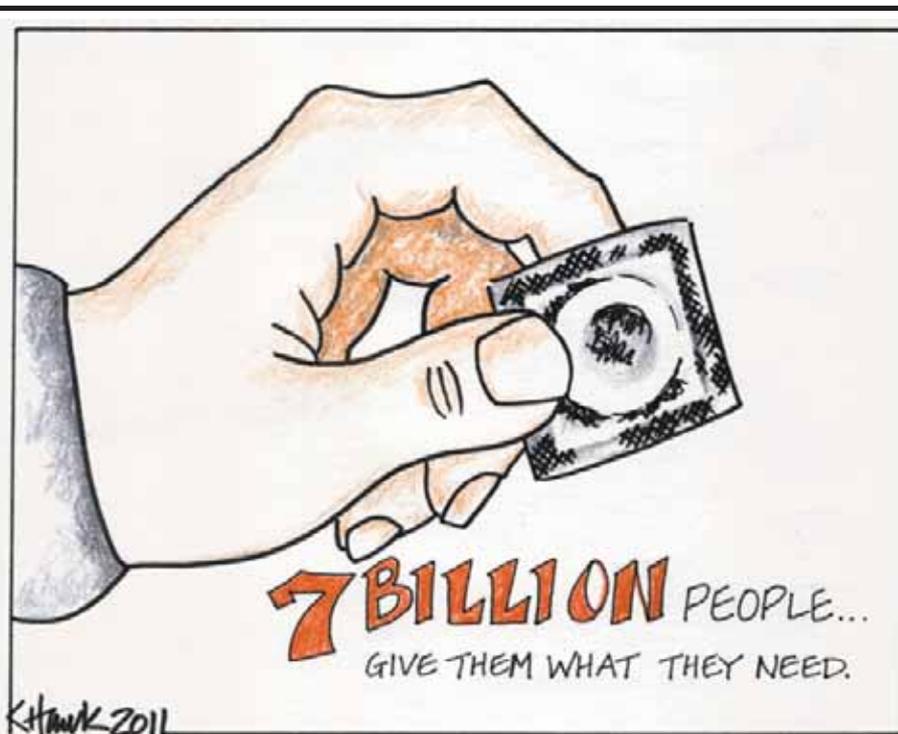
In a small, intimate community like Highlands, it is unfortunate when someone tries to create a controversy, based on untruths, where none exists. The Highlands Newspaper published an editorial comment attacking the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for allegedly working to sabotage efforts by the Town of Highlands to remediate major problems with the Highlands Playhouse that would worsen with inclement weather. Nothing could be further from the truth.

When information was published by both papers about the expense necessary to complete the repairs, I felt it was incumbent on me, as President of PAC, to meet with Mayor David Wilkes. I had never spoken with the Mayor about PAC and felt that he needed to be aware that PAC, a building also owned by the Town of Highlands, had problems. I wanted the Mayor to know that I would appreciate having a chance to present information on issues with the building as they arose.

Mary Adair Leslie, Director of PAC, Amanda Sullivan, a PAC Board member, and I met with the Mayor privately in his office. The Mayor was totally reasonable and told us that the town viewed the PAC and the Playhouse, along with other buildings owned by the town, as assets that would be treated equally and repaired in a prudent, cost effective manner. The only other item discussed was the historical differences in the programs presented by each venue and the need for us to work harder in the future to make sure that scheduling conflicts did not adversely affect maximum attendance.

To say that PAC representatives tried to undermine efforts to repair the Playhouse is a lie. Ms. Leslie called the Chairman of the Board for the Highlands Playhouse to express PAC's support and her willingness to speak in favor of the proposal at any Town Council meeting. A

## • HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

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dinner has been scheduled in the near future for members of both Boards to discuss agendas for the coming season in hopes that we can avoid stepping on each others toes and have successful seasons, all for the benefit of Highlands. I hope that in the future the Highlands Newspaper will contact those persons in attendance at a meeting to find out the truth before writing such disparaging comments.

Richard Trevathan  
President, Martin-Lipscomb  
Performing Arts Center

## Boys Basketball Signups

Signups are now being accepted for the upcoming Macon County Boys Basketball season at the Highlands Civic Center through Wednesday, November 23.

The age groups are 6 and 7 year olds in the development league, 8 and 9 year olds in the biddy league, 10 and 11 year olds in the junior league, 12, 13, and 14 year olds in the senior league, 15 through 19 year olds (must be in school) in the varsity league. The division your child will play in is determined by their age on August 31, 2011.

The cost is \$35 for the first family member and \$20 for the second. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate. Drafts will be held in each age division to be scheduled after signups are completed.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping coach must fill out a coaching application and additional paperwork available at the Highlands Civic Center.

For more information call Michelle Munger at 828-342-3551 or 828-342-3850.

## • CORRECTION •

In the Nov. 9 issue in the article entitled "Zoning Board hears 3 sign cases," the vote to deny the Silver Eagle sign variance request was 4-1 with member Charlie Dasher voting to grant the variance. We reported it was an unanimous vote. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

# • OBITUARY •

## Walter Taylor



Walter J. Taylor, age 88, of Highlands passed away Sunday, November 13, 2011 at Fidelia Eckerd Nursing Home, Highlands, North Carolina. He was born November 8, 1923 in Staten Island, New York to Walter J. and Ellefair Crunkleton Taylor, and had made Highlands, North Carolina his home for the past 37 years.

He was valedictorian of Curtis High School graduating class of 1942, Staten Island, New York. Upon completing Maritime and Electronics schools, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Coast Guard in 1944. A veteran of WWII, he retired as a lieutenant from the United States Maritime service in 1969.

Walter was a trustee and founding director of the Scottish Tartan's Museum of Franklin, North Carolina, serving from its inception in 1989 until July 2010. He

was a member of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association, the Society of Wireless Pioneers, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Scottish Tartans Society, the Scottish American Military Society, the American Legion and the Highlands Lions Club.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine Patterson Taylor; daughters, Dianne A. Taylor of Asheville, NC, Melinda T.

Musumarra and husband Paul of Cary, NC; step-son, James T. Vinson and wife Karen of Fort Mill, SC, and stepdaughters, Margaret V. Bryson of Fort Mill, SC and Sandra K. Vinson of Highlands. Also surviving are four grandchildren; Mark Musumarra, Barbara Musumarra, Josh Bryson (Mandi) and Elizabeth Baker (Michael).

He was preceded in death by his first wife Barbara James Taylor of Highlands, NC and a brother, John N. Taylor of Tom's Riv-

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teaching rappelling. Anyway, for me, it wasn't about the money; it was about adventure and having fun. We didn't even offer wine with lunch but chocolate covered strawberries instead.

I had no idea what a personal adventure was ahead for me; the raw drama I was about to witness. Business was horrible the first year. When I went back to Florida the end of the first season, I had attracted a meager 39 customers. It didn't even pay for my insurance, forest service fees and our killer lunches. I didn't give up.

I learned to assault rappel as a policeman. For police, it's simply a mode of transportation; a way to get from A to B to complete a mission. Not fun! It was easy to convert from assault to adventure rappelling. Take away the M16, gas mask and thirty pounds of equipment and, TA DA, it's now adventure rappelling. Weather permitting, we even encouraged

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**B**acking to the edge of the cliff, she froze, her eyes wet with tears. I patted her back and smiled, but said nothing. "Why am I doing this?" she asked. I can't step off this cliff! I wanna go home."

Highlands is not the kind of town that attracts the rugged outdoor types. If you're a Rambo looking for adventure, Highlands is not the place to come. Besides, our town is much too ritzy and upscale for that kind of nonsense. Who would want those kind of people hanging around anyway? Highlands is about golf, fine wine, dinner at the club and...motorcyclists?

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## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### Covert and overt actions necessary in this world

Call me a hypocrite. I thought Newt Gingrich's remedy for dealing with the Iranian nuclear threat, which included killing their scientists, was shocking. We all know that dirty stuff goes on in the world of diplomacy and espionage. And sure, a handful of dead scientists beats nuclear war.

Newt, who is the brightest of the Republicans challengers, was a little too glib in acknowledging what most of us would rather not know. He stressed that the murders should be covert, and thus deniable, as he announced the strategy to the world, or at least to a dwindling number of political junkies who are still following the Republican road show.

The contenders agreed that we should support whatever nascent opposition exists in Iran, employ sanctions, and engage in covert disruptive tactics to stifle Iran's nuclear program. There was support for encouraging Israel to attack nuclear facilities. There is little doubt Israel has more to lose than the United States if Iran is able to develop a nuclear bomb. Nor is there any argument that if the current Iranian regime were to secure or develop a nuclear arsenal, the world would become a more dangerous place, even if the arsenal consisted of a single weapon. International sanctions and international pressure are reasonable deterrents. Un-



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fortunately, if intelligence is correct reasonable measures have failed to discourage the Iranians in their quest to join the nuclear club.

Covert US support of dissident elements seems more farfetched. It's unlikely the Iranians have forgotten that we are the guys who brought them the Shah. There is truth to the expression, 'my enemy's enemies are my friends,' but there are limits, especially in the Middle East where suspicion of us and our motives is so very high.

Aggressive measures, overt and covert, are appropriate responses to the challenge. It's unlikely that President Obama is unaware of the range of responses, and has employed them all, from planting viruses in Iranian computers to murdering Iranian scientists.

Under his administration drone attacks against sites in Pakistan and Afghanistan have increased, Osama bin Laden has been killed, and the American Al-Qaida, Anwar al-Awlaki was assassinated in Yemen. These are hardly the earmarks of a timid leader. There is little doubt that the President has been diligently employing a full range of options to slow nuclear progress in Iran. However, as one who governs rather than one who campaigns, he is not free to boast of his efforts. Covert still means secret, and deniable.

The ease with which several candi-

dates indicated that they would lead the nation to war against Iran, in the event that less aggressive measures were exhausted, was frightening. They probably didn't mean it. In campaigning, like courtship, many things are promised. Surely they have not forgotten that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction. Have they forgotten the human and monetary cost of our folly there? Are they not aware that like the British and Russians before us, we have found victory in Afghanistan an elusive goal? It is so easy to talk of war, yet so costly to conduct war.

I wish politicians would tell us what they really intend to do, rather than pandering jingoistic nonsense to adoring fringe elements, both left and right. Of course, when their plans include murder of Iranian scientists, I'd prefer to be kept in the dark. Call me a hypocrite.

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# • BACK DAYS IN HIGHLANDS – PART 6 •

By Herm Wilson  
(8/23/1905-1/6/1993)

## The Hill Billy Days in Highlands

"The history of the true mountaineer will soon be lost forever. We don't know why our ancestors settled in the rugged mountains of Western North Carolina, but I am sure they had a reason.

The young people of today who grew up in the mountains don't have the slightest ideas as to what the true life of a mountaineer was because they were born into the jet age and our nation has changed so much in the last 50 years. I write the following parts of "Back Days in Highlands" so a record of that time can be kept."

– **Herm Wilson**

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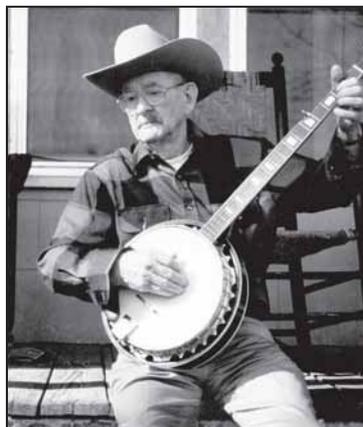
**B**ack several years ago Highlands was just a drab, sleepy little mountain town featuring one square dance and one or two movies a week. Then the town people and country people decided to try to do some-

thing for fun and excitement for the town and that's when Hill Billy Day came into being.

It was always in the month of August. Its purpose was to try to go back to the 1800s and dress up in costumes to look as people did back then. The ladies wore long sweeping dresses, starched bonnets, usually coarse shoes. The men wore patched overalls, sometimes a big wide patch across the seat, an old flop-down hat and a cane stem corn cob.

We appointed a sheriff who was full of fun and humor. He would fire his pistol on the square and the Hill Billy Day was on!

Everyone took a part, rich, poor, old and young alike. There were all kinds of mountain music and buck dancing. Of course whiskey was illegal in Highlands in those days, but on Hill Billy Day, the town would go wet with moonshine



whiskey and no one was ever arrested for being too high.

It was supposed to be a day of fun and that's exactly what we had; fun and a good time for everyone.

We had a fake law that if anybody came to town not dressed in a Hill Billy costume they had to pay a fine, maybe 50 cents or a dollar or go to jail. We

had a makeshift jail for those who would rather spend 10 minutes in jail than pay a fine, just for fun.

I was appointed the police. Sometimes the gals would come to town wearing street clothing. I would arrest them and walk them to the little makeshift jail while they giggled all the way. I think they liked being in jail for 10 minutes. Everyone was having a good time with the sound of mountain music up and down the streets. Some of the men carried half-gallon stone jugs and they weren't empty either. People would shake hands with rank strangers and maybe get acquainted for years to come.

People would come from as far away as Greenville and Spartanburg, SC, and I am sure some would come

from Atlanta.

Hill Billy Day would last well into the night with street dancing and music. It would usually end at midnight. The people who had summer homes in Highlands joined right in and had fun and enjoyed the day. Hill Billy Day went on for about five years. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful good time.

But at the last Hill Billy Day things began to go sour; things we didn't approve of. We regretted to bring Hill Billy Day to a close but thought it proper to do so. The summer visitors were so nice to join us in having fun and a good time. There was never a fight or a brawl from anyone that I knew of but at the last one, things began to change.

I reckon all good things must come to an end, but I still miss Hill Billy Day in Highlands.

• Herman "Herm" Wilson was one of the six men whose contributions to the Town of Highlands were featured in the Highlands Historical Society's production of "Highlands Live!" in June 2011. Interest in him led his son Neville and daughter-in-law Kathleen to share some of Herm's writings that reflect the man's homespun humor, philosophy and patriotism.

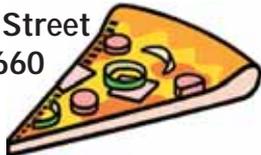


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er, NJ.  
The family would like to extend special thanks to Becky Chambers of Four Seasons Hospice and Jeannine LeGeyt of Fidelia Eckerd Nursing Home for their devotion and compassion to Walter during his illness. Also special appreciation is extended to Doctors Richard Olson and Patti Wheeler.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday November 15, 2011 at 11 a.m at the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands with Dr. Charles Harris and Rev. Vic Greene officiating. The family will receive friends Monday November 14, 2011 from 6-8 pm at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands. Burial will be in the Moravian Cemetery in Staten Island, NY. Pallbearers will be Josh Bryson, Mark Musumarra, Michael Crowe, Jeff James, Dana Gordon, Tommy James, Allen James and Michael Baker. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216 and Four Seasons Hospice, 571 South Allen Rd. Flat Rock, NC 28731.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences are available by visiting [bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://bryantgrantfuneralhome.com) or by email.



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wearing shorts after the first lesson.

So for the next thirteen years, while Highlands' tourists were trying to figure out what they would do all day, I met with groups of student rappellers for a day on the cliffs. If it was a beginner class, I gave them a chance to tell why they signed up. The responses were amazing. Many wanted to overcome their fear of height, not realizing they only had a fear of falling. That only took an hour to get rid of.

"I'm here in defiance of my mother," an eighteen year old college student said. She would never allow this so I'll mail her the video, especially the part where I'm rappelling upside down. She'll have a coronary."

Another woman, a mother of three small children she also signed up, said, "I'm a milk toast mom. I'm mush. I need to prove to myself and my kids I can do this. And if they can do this, they can do anything."

Another man in his early eighties and my oldest student said, "I own four hundred motels around the country and never have time off. This is the first vacation I've taken in years. Rappelling is on my bucket list....so let's get going before I croak."

I can only think of one failure on the cliffs. It happened at the horse cove rock quarry. A local woman showed up for a beginner class, listened carefully to the block of instruction, harnessed up, did her first rappel, messed her pants, got in her car and we haven't seen her since. I'm

not making this up. And, no, I'm not telling on her since she's still around. Oh, and another woman bribed her daughter with fifty...yes, I said fifty Beanie Babies if she would do a scary tactic called "airplane." It worked.

Thirteen years came and went before I realized we had attracted some of the finest people on this planet. Good people looking for a challenge; upbeat people looking for fun in the outdoors. Strangers at the beginning, many bonded and have been friends ever since. A young zany couple met on the cliffs and later married. We created memories.

A Sikh clan even found us and became repeat customers. There were scores of them. For them, rappelling was a spiritual enlightenment and a personal challenge to overcome fear. One Sikh man was so overwhelmed with fear, he would visibly shake, knowing what was ahead. He was truly on a mission. Finally, I asked, "Why do you do this?" He responded, "I am driven to do this. Once the rappel is over, I can't tell you the feeling of accomplishment within me. God is so proud of me. I'll be back."

And yes, the wet eyed woman who froze at the edge of the cliff went on to become one of our best repeating customers. Wow, what a wonderful 13 years it was.

*Fred's new book, Deceived, is now available in book stores and e-book outlets.*

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sign is 18 sq. ft — 5 ½ sq. ft. too big. The frame the letters are adhered to is considered a "support" rather than a "frame" and so it wasn't included when calculating the size of the sign. Coming into compliance would require reducing the letters by 40%.

"The sign on our building has been there since the day we opened. It represents a look and continuity of appearance which has great value to those returning to Highlands and who have been coming to the store for the last 50 years," said deVille. "I think the sign should be grandfathered in and the current sign regulation should be amended to allow for grandfathering."

DeVille said after 50 years, the Stone Lantern could be called an institution and making the letters on the sign 40% smaller would give the feeling that the Stone Lantern is going down the tube. "It would also be a change, and people who come to Highlands don't like change. They want it to be just as it was when they left which gives a certain magic and mystique to the town

that is very appealing," he said.

Citizen Alice Nelson urged the board to use common sense. "Regulations and ordinances are good, but common sense is the bottom line; exceptions need to be made to the rules. In the 51 years the sign has been there it has never hurt anyone nor will it do so now. It's recognizable and by cutting it by 40% would look bizarre," she said.

Tony Potts made a motion to grant the variance on the grounds that the sign is a "historical marker or a monument" and said the only other sign in town that would come under the same exemption is the Galax Theater signage.

According to Section 402, historical markers or monuments are exempt from the sign ordinance. Potts also said the sign has never changed, it's been in the same place on the same building for 51 years and the hardship required for granting the variance was satisfied because it's due

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# • CONSERVATIVE POV

## The vultures are circling



**Don Swanson  
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For weeks, I have been a lonesome voice suggesting that Obama may not end up being the Democrat nominee for president and Hillary might be selected to save the Party. According to an article in WorldNet-Daily last week: "A new poll about the 2012 presidential election says one-third of Democrats and independents who lean to the left are unhappy with Barack Obama as the party's standard-bearer and are looking for some new faces to enter the race.

The startling results are from the newest WND/Wenzel Poll conducted by Wenzel Strategies. Responding to a question how satisfied they (his base) are with Obama as the nominee, only 55 percent said they were very satisfied. Another 24 percent said they were somewhat satisfied, but the group apparently started falling away quickly, because fully one-third (35 percent) said they would 'prefer that someone else enter the race' for the nomination."

When the 35 percent were asked, if not Obama, who? "The largest camp, nearly 44 percent, said Obama should be challenged by Hillary Clinton, and more than 9 percent said the vice president, Joe Biden, should try to kick his boss out of office. More than 34 percent of the respondents said they weren't even sure who should challenge Obama." Apparently, anybody but Obama would do it for them.

Surprisingly, "his support faltered badly among Hispanics. Nearly 41 percent said they wanted another choice on the Democratic side. And in another segment from which Obama got strong support during 2008, 59.3 percent of those under age 30 said they wanted someone else to enter the race." Now, that is a shocker.

As I have said in the past, while you may revel at the thought that BO might be on his way out, Hillary is no bargain. Perhaps the best thing that can be said about her is that she is not Joe Biden. As if we aren't the laughing stock of the world already. From the "this is almost funny department" - The Foundry reports: "President Obama's Agriculture Department today announced that it will impose a new 15-cent charge on all fresh Christmas trees - The Christmas Tree Tax - to support a new Federal

program to improve the image and marketing of Christmas trees." WHAT?

It continues: In the Federal Register of November 8, 2011, Acting Administrator of Agricultural Marketing David R. Shipman announced that the Secretary of Agriculture will appoint a Christmas Tree Promotion Board. The purpose of the board is to run a program of promotion, research, evaluation, and information designed to strengthen the Christmas tree industry's position in the marketplace, maintain and expand exiting markets for Christmas trees, and carry out programs, plans and projects designed to include efforts 'to enhance the image of Christmas trees and the Christmas tree industry in the United States.'"

Well, who knew? Golly, there is a budding revolution in the streets, Europe is disintegrating, the economy is stalled out, there is rampant unemployment across the land, and the administration is concerned about

the image of the Christmas tree industry? Good grief. Admittedly, I am curious by nature, and I am constantly asking "why?" about nearly everything. This inquiring mind wants to know and I usually have theories as to the "why?" This one has me baffled. One gets the impression these morons sit around thinking up ridiculous ideas and then they implement the most ridiculous. "Why?" Just because they can, I guess. On the subject of stupid ideas, the United States Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, or the Supercommittee, ranks near the top. Congress can't or won't do their job to reduce the deficit because they are philosophically irrevocably split, so they appoint a 12-person committee six from the House and six from the Senate, each delegation evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans.

The committee is charged with issuing a recommendation by November 23, 2011 for at least \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction steps to be undertaken over a 10-year period. Considering we are facing additional deficits of \$40 trillion in the next 10 years, this should not be too difficult. To no one's

surprise, the Dems are dug in insisting taxes be raised, the Reps won't. The Rs want spending cuts and the Ds won't. Gee, sounds like Congress itself, doesn't it? WHAT DID THEY EXPECT?

So what happens if they fail to come up with a recommendation by the allotted time or the full Congress fails to pass it? A so-called trigger mechanism would enact \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts. These cuts would be split between the national security and domestic arenas, but the biggest entitlement programs would be excluded from these automatic cuts. Sounds to me that the Dems would welcome a failure to pass and that would put the Reps in a bad place.

And where will our president be while this critical debate rages in the Committee. If everything goes according to plan, he'll be in Hawaii and Bali and later Australia and Indonesia. When the going gets hot, Obama gets out of town. No word yet that I can find if Michelle and the kids and the dog and a cast of thousands would be accompanying him on the trip. I'm guessing yes. Well see.



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### Give the devil his due



Ryan Potts  
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Turn on the television and watch a Duke game in public and you will hear all kinds of interesting reactions. "Sit down, rat-face!" "Give that jerk a technical!" "He whines after every call!" This is just a small smattering of the type of comments one might hear when watching Mike Krzyzewski on television. Casual college hoops fans think of him as a sanctimonious jerk, and I can't print what UNC fans think about the man simply known as "Coach K," but as he stands on the cusp of becoming the all-time wins leader in college basketball, even those fans must acknowledge (albeit begrudgingly) his place in the pantheon of basketball history.

Most people look at Coach K and see a sneering, intense personality. Those that know him well see that side of him, but they also see Coach K the...gardener. Krzyzewski is also a husband, a father, a grandfather and even moreso, a humanitarian. He doesn't golf, as most people do, because he says that "I understand why people love golf. But I'm competitive in everything I do, and then I would have to be competitive in golf. And I just want to be outside growing things." (quote courtesy of Will Blythe's *To Hate Like This Is To Be Happy Forever*) It is easy to ignore this side of Coach K, particularly as Duke keeps winning and he keeps working the refs on the sidelines.

Coach K the gardener has grown a considerable amount himself in his time at Duke, to the tune of 4 National Championships and numerous accolades. These days, it seems that Coach K is somewhat engrained in the basketball culture, from his Sirius XM radio show to this work with the US Olympic team, it is easy to see why people view him as self-promoting. However, it is the stuff that he doesn't self-promote that makes it easy for his critics. On ESPN earlier this week, analyst Jimmy Dykes talked about how Coach K managed to connect Dykes' mother-in-law (who was suffering from brain cancer) with Duke's cancer center. Earlier this year, a Duke fan sent a wedding invitation to Coach K just to say that he had, and Coach K and his wife sent a personal note in return with well wishes. Now, let's be clear, most coaches do

things like that, because most coaches are genuinely nice people-so I am not trying to make Coach K out into anything other than to say that he is not the ratfaced monster that people so desperately want him to be...and need him to be.

As disheartening as it is for me to hear people spouting off irrational hatred, it certainly doesn't bother

Coach K. Many times it seems that he relishes his role as the villain of the story...after all, every story needs both a hero and a black knight. And while the storybooks teach us that the hero is supposed to win and live happily ever after, at some point this week we will be celebrating the accomplishments of the most successful villain in college basketball history.

on this day ...

**Nov. 16, 2010**

**Edson Pena, one of the rescued minors from one of Chili's copper mine cave in, performs a duet with Olivia Newton John at a Santiago Concert. And sings well, apparently.**

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as you work meters as a rhymer, see how well you can sing in a minor key.

Yes, if you were underground, in the dark, where you blunder round, you might think of a queen of pop, once your out and have seen up top.

Is that dream one that's silly? If you asked, would the reception be Chili?

She might give you a look, odd and quizzical, or she might just say "Let's get physical".

- from The History Guy

# Highlands Area Upcoming Events


**PULL OUT**

## Be a part of 'Operation Pen'

Through Dec. 7, "Operation Patriotic Pen" is going on at Highlands School.

Students/Staff/Parents are invited to write encouraging notes to soldiers on Christmas cards and turn them into the school and deposit them in the appropriate boxes in the main lobby - Afghanistan, Europe, USA and VA hospitals.

In addition, students need names and addresses of soldiers so please contact teacher Donna Sizemore at 828-332-0999 or email her at [donna.sizemore@macon.k12.nc.us](mailto:donna.sizemore@macon.k12.nc.us).



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- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$40 a month.

- Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a. \$5

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# Highlands Area Upcoming Events

per calss. First class free. Call Mary Barbour for Franklin schedule: 828-342-2498.

## Mondays

• Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

• Monday Madness at Fressers Eatery in Historic Helen's Barn. \$5 burgers, \$1 off beers all day.

## Tuesdays

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

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

## Wednesdays

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. 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. Meetings end

at 8:30 am.

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

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

## Wednesdays & Fridays

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

## Every 3rd Wednesday

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

## Thursdays

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

• The Highlands Writers Group meets at 1 p.m. at the Hudson Library on Thursdays. Free writing exercises. Bring a seven-minute writing

piece to read. Newcomers are welcome. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

## Every Saturday

• Ruka's Wine Tastings from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. Jazz begins at 7:30 p.m.

## Every Third Saturday

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

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## Through Wed., Nov. 23

• Signups are now being accepted for the upcoming Macon County Boys Basketball season at the Highlands Civic Center. The age groups are 6 and 7 year olds in the development league, 8 and 9 year olds in the biddy league, 10 and 11 year olds in the junior league, 12, 13, and 14 year olds in the senior league, 15 through 19 year olds (must be in school) in the varsity league. The division your child will play in is determined by their age on August 31, 2011. The cost is \$35 for the first family member and \$20 for the second. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate. Drafts will be held in each age division to be scheduled after signups are completed. Anyone interested in coaching or helping coach must fill out a coaching application and additional paperwork available at the Highlands Civic Center. For more information call Michelle Munger at 828-342-3551 or 828-342-3850.

## Thurs., Nov. 17

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

## Fri., Nov. 18

• Angel Medical Center Blood Drive. 0 Riverview Street, Franklin. 8 a to 5p. Please call Barbara Hall at 369-4166 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

• The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night, November 18th at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 6:30 to 9 PM. Marty Northrup from Columbus, NC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be a Plus Workshop from 6:30 to 7. Everyone is welcome.

## Sat. Nov. 19

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike to High Falls in a box canyon with 200' high walls. Meet at the new parking lot near the Cashiers Post Office near the site of the future community center at 10:00 a.m. Drive 20 miles round trip. Bring water and lunch. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

## Sun. Nov. 20

The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3-mile hike, with an elevation change of 400 ft., on the Clifftop Vista Trail at Cliffside Lake Park. Meet at Bi-Lo parking area in Franklin at 2 p.m., to drive 30 miles round trip, or meet at the Cliffside Lake parking area at 2:35 p.m., \$3 parking fee per car. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

## Wed., Nov. 23

• Highlands Chapter #284 Order of the Eastern Star will be selling pumpkin rolls on Wednesday at Bryson's Food Store beginning at 9:30 a.m. and on e. Pre-orders will be taken but are not necessary. You may call Paula Gordon at 342-4378 to order your pumpkin roll. Cost will be \$12.

## Thurs., Nov. 24

• Thanksgiving Morning. 8AM Registration; 9AM RACE. 5K Fun Run - Clayton Cluckers Turkey Trot! You can pre-register at [www.claytoncrawl.org](http://www.claytoncrawl.org) or at Fromage Call 706-982-1284 for more info.

• The Macon County Landfill and all of the recycling centers will be closed Thanksgiving Day. They will re-open as normal on Friday after Thanksgiving.

## Fri. & Sat., Nov. 25-26

• The Artists' Marketplace at The Bascom from 10 am-5 pm featuring a gathering of artist tables in the Dave Drake Studio Barn, is the ideal place to find unique, affordable, one-of-a-kind artists' works for Christmas, hostess and New Year's gifts.

• At the Bascom, Gingerbread House Workshop, Friday, 10am-noon and 1-3pm and Saturday, 10 am- 12 noon. Gingerbread designers will be given all the sweets and confections they need to create their own imaginative gingerbread house. Participants are invited to enter their creations in a contest, to be judges by a popular vote. Tuition: \$40 per house.

• Hard Candy Christmas Art and Craft Show at the WCU Ramsey Center in Cullowee, NC, 10 a - 5p. Adults \$3, children under 12 FREE. 100 artists

## Friday, Nov. 25

## Free Oyster Roast for EMTs and Fire & Rescue workers, Friday, Nov., 25



The Second Annual THANK YOU Oyster Roast will be held on Friday starting around 4:30 pm and lasting 'til we run out of food at the home of Noel Atherton at 6355 Whiteside Cove Rd. The purpose of this 'shindig' is to allow all of us the opportunity to THANK the countless, and often nameless, individuals, mostly volunteers, who risk their lives on a daily basis - to save and/or protect that which is most dear to us all. There will be bushels of fresh Low Country oysters from the coast, lots of delectable non-seafood goodies for scaredy-cats, beverages and a keg of beer. The event is FREE to all Firemen, Rescue Squads, EMTs from ANY community. For everyone else from high school age and above its \$10 /head for all you can eat. For more information, call 828-787-1515.

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• Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society will have a Stop n Adopt 11a to 3 p. next to Whiskers on Main Street.

## Saturday, Nov. 26

• Town of Highlands annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Main Street 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## Sun. Nov. 27

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7.5 mile hike, with some light trail work along the way, on the London Bald Trail at Appletree, returning via Junaluska trail. Meet at the Club House at 9:00am. Drive 48 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch. Call leader Chris Shaw, 828-371-0183 for reservations.

## Tuesday, Nov. 29

• Macon County Public Library Blood Drive. 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin. 10 am to 7 pm. Please call 524-3600 to schedule an appointment.

## Saturday, Dec. 3

• Town of Highlands annual Olde Mountain Christmas Parade on Main Street from 11 a.m. to noon.

• New and Gently Used Coat and Clothing Drive at the Bank of America parking lot from 9a-noon. Drive sponsored by the ladies of BOA with donations going to R.E.A.C.H. of Macon County. If you can't come Saturday, donations will be accepted at the bank until Saturday, Dec. 3.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 4.4 mile hike from Sloan Bridge to Upper Whitewater Falls with wintertime views along the ridge. Meet at 10 a.m. at the new parking lot by the ball field just past the Cashiers Post Office, near the site of the future new community center. Drive 14 miles round trip. Bring water and lunch. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

• Highlands Chapter #284 Order of the

Eastern Star will be selling pumpkin rolls during the Christmas Parade. Pre-orders will be taken but are not necessary. You may call Paula Gordon at 342-4378 to order your pumpkin roll. Cost will be \$12.

• 'Tis the Season 2011 is coming up fast! The event will be held in Coleman Hall at First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Highlands from 11:30 to 2:30. Come along and join us and donate to your favorite Non Profits and enjoy a free lunch! This season, instead of giving more things, give more meaning.

## Sun. Dec. 4

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on Pickens' Nose Trail to a rocky viewpoint. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (across from Burger King) at 2 p.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors welcome; no pets please.

## Tuesday, Dec. 6

• The Talk: Beyond the Birds & Bees at Mountain View Intermediate School for parents and their children in grades 5-8. The program is intended to provide basic information to students and help parents and their children communicate about puberty. There will be a program for girls from 6-7:30 p.m. and a program for boys from 7:45-9 p.m. in the media center at MVI School. The speaker is Dr. Doug Egge, MD, Pediatric Associates of Franklin. (Girls and parents are invited to stay after their program for a free hot dog dinner. Boys and parents are invited to come early to eat before their program begins.) Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided to participants from 7-8:15. For more information, call Yvonne Robinson at Macon County Schools Administrative Offices, 524-2002, ext. 328. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. To pre-register, call the receptionist at 524-3314.

## Sat. Dec. 10

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 12-mile hike, with elevation change of 2,000 ft., to the summit of Standing Indian Mountain. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (across from Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Call leader Don O'Neal, 828-586-5723. Able visitors welcome, but no pet.

• Second annual Arts, Crafts and More Festival from 10-3 at the National Guard Armory, 611 Webster Rd, past Southwestern Community College Available for artists, crafters and those promoting a home based or small business are spaces for \$20, \$25, \$30 or \$50. Contact Sharon at 828-586-850, 226-0045. There is no admission but non-perishable food for the Community Table

will be gratefully accepted. Various arts, & crafts, such as trout flies and shadow boxes, hand crocheted scarves, pottery, jewelry, watercolors and various other business will be represented. Come shop locally and enter for our door prizes!

• Shop with a Cop 5K Race and 1-mile Fun Run/Walk beginning at the Franklin High School parking lot. Registration is a 8 a.m.; the race begins at 9 a.m. Registration is \$25 and the first 120 to register gets a T-shirt. Awards given to top three males and females overall and winners of each age division. Money raised will be used to fund the Shop with a Cop program this Christmas season.

## Sat. & Sun., Dec 10-11

• Community Christmas Chorale 5 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church.

## Sun. Dec. 11

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7-mile hike to Boteler Peak via the Chunky Gal Trail, with a view at the top worth the climb. Meet at the Club House at 9 am. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring water and lunch. Call leader Chris Shaw, 371-0183, for reservations. Visitors welcome, but no dogs please.

## Friday, December 16

• Atlanta Boy Choir performance at The Cathedral of St. Philip on 2744 Peachtree Road in Atlanta at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$20 and may be ordered by calling our office at 404.378.0064 or ordered online at [www.atlantaboychoir.org](http://www.atlantaboychoir.org) (major credit cards accepted).

## Concert Chorale coming Dec. 20



Front from left: Susan Clearman (Accompanist ) Marty McMillan, Carol Criminger, Hays Howard, Ginger Slaughter, Carolyn Franklin, Vangie Rich, Jan Lemons, Molly McKim, Grat Rosazza (Director). Back Row from left: Bob Lemons, Jim DeMange, Neil Howard, Dennis Ostema, Jeff Fletcher

The Concert Chorale, directed by Grat Rosazza will be performing Sunday, Dec. 20th at 4 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands.

The Chorale, which was formed in 2010 is comprised of singers from the Highlands area, Cashiers and Sky Valley.

The program promises to be a crowd-pleaser offering a variety of music including two English madrigals, several Broadway tunes such as a medley from "West Side

Story, a beautiful rendition of "If I Loved You" from Carousel, as well as an encore performance of "Unchained Melody" by request. The members of the Chorale would like to extend an invitation to everyone attending to join them in Jones Hall after the program for a fine wine and cheese reception.

Donations are very much appreciated.

# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Thanksgiving should be celebrated daily

**Dr. Charles Harris**  
First Baptist Church



I am convinced that "Thanksgiving" should be celebrated daily, not just during the Thanksgiving Season. Do not misunderstand, I anticipate and enjoy the Thanksgiving Season annually. I celebrate the season with my church, family and friends. We need a time annually to focus on how blessed we are as individuals and as a nation. The Thanksgiving Season gives us that opportunity to express heartfelt thanks to God and each other.

However, the point I am making is that every day we have many things to give thanks for...in spite of the unstable economy, the threat of terrorists, unexpected sickness or grief, or whatever we may be facing or experiencing. The Apostle Paul confirms my belief. He suffered many hardships in his life and ministry, yet he had learned to be thankful regardless of his circumstances or situations. In many of his epistles he challenges us to have thankful hearts and to express thanksgiving and praise to God, even in difficult times and circumstances.

While being challenged to be grateful and thankful daily, we need to remember that "expressing thanks" is not a natural human response. It is something we learn to do. A classic example of giving thanks is the response of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed (Luke 17:11-19). Being a leper at that time, like in all undeveloped countries today, was a terrible affliction. A leper viewed life dimly, because lepers were a social outcast... isolated from society because their disease was contagious. Usually, they were unable to work and make a living because of the physical damage caused by the disease. Even worse, they were getting physically weaker daily from their disease. The most depressing aspect was being aware that there was no cure and that death was inevitable. They often became discouraged and lost hope long before their death released them from their suffering and misery.

Miraculously, Jesus healed all ten lepers. Jesus released those lepers from their physical pain and personal isolation from society. Ironically, only one returned to express gratitude to Jesus for his healing. That is a 10% gratitude response based on a 100% healing ratio. The other nine were evidently grateful, but did not express it to Jesus their healer. Unfortu-

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John 3:16

# • PLACES TO WORSHIP •

Proverbs 3:5

## BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

## CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, GA  
Church: 706-746-2999  
Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month  
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer w/Holy Communion

## CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011

Worshipping at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church,  
Cashiers

Sun.: Holy Communion - 9 a.m.; Adult Forum - 10:45 at Buck's  
Coffee Cafe, Cashiers

Mon.: Bible Study & Supper at homes - 6 p.m.

Wed.: Men's Bible Study - 8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church

Thurs.: Women's Prayer Group - 10 a.m., Whiteside Presbyterian  
Church; Healing Service at noon

## CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Jim Kinard

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11  
Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685  
3645 Cashiers Rd, Highlands, NC  
Senior Pastor Gary Hewins

Sun.: 9:30 am: Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am: Middle School; 10:45 am: Children's Program, Worship  
Service. 12:30 pm Student Arts Group, 5 p.m. HS  
Wed.: 6pm: CBC University Program

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

526-2968 • Reverend Denson Franklin

Sunday: Holy Eucharist Rite, 8 a.m., Breakfast: 8:30-9:30 a.m. -  
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday: 4 p.m. Women's Cursillo Group

Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group; Bible Study 10:30 a.m.  
Reverend Howard L'Enfant

Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Charles Harris, Pastor • 526-4153

Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m.; School - 9:30 a.m.; Evening Worship  
6:30

Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.,  
Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:15-8:15 p.m.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor

Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175

Sun.: Worship - 11 a.m.; Sun. School - 9:30

Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group & Breakfast  
Wednesdays - Choir - 7

## GOLDMINE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Off Franklin/Highlands Rd)

Rev. Carson Gibson

Sunday School - 10 am

Worship Service - 11 am

Bible Study - 6 pm

## HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Randy Reed, Pastor

828-421-9172 • 165 S. Sixth Street

Sundays: Worship - 11

## HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Dan Robinson

670 N. Fourth Street (next to the Highlands Civic Center)

Sunday: School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:45 a.m., Evening  
Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

## HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376

Sun: School 9:45 a.; Worship 10:50 a.; Youth 5 p.

Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 - children, youth, & adults studies; 6:15 -  
Adult choir (nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

Thurs: 12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery)

## HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

Chaplain Margaret Howell

2152 Dillard Road - 526-9741

Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group 9:30 a.m.;  
Worship/Communion - 10:30

HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah

Pastor Roy Lowe, (828) 526-8425

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

Choir - 6 p.m.

Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. - 7 p.m.

## MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin

828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197

## MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor: Clayton Lopez • 828-743-9704

Independent Bible Church

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. at Big Ridge Baptist Church, 4224 Big Ridge  
Road (4.5 miles from NC 107)

Weds: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Youth Group 6 p.m.

## OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor - Parish office: 526-2418

Mass: - Sun: 11 a.m.; Sat: 4 p.m.; Thurs & Fri.: 9 a.

## SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clifford Willis

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

## SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore • 526-3212

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.; Worship - 6  
p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m.

## SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

85 Sierra Drive • 828-524-6777

Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.

Child Care - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Youth 8th - 12th grades meet the 2nd Sundays 5 - 7:30 p.m.

## WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

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nately, this ratio may be similar to our society's response.

One day a little boy accepted some candy from his uncle. His mother was trying to get her son to express "thanks" to his uncle so she said, "Johnny what do you say?" Johnny responded by asking his uncle "Can I have another piece?" This was not what the mother wanted or expected Johnny to do, but it is the kind of response that we often get today instead of an expression of gratitude.

Unfortunately, in many ways, we live in a "thankless society." One of the reasons may be that so many feel that the world owes them. Therefore, they express no gratitude because they

are not truly grateful. For those who work hard to "make a living," they may conclude that it is their discipline and wise decision-making that enables them to succeed.

We need to be reminded that it is God who gives us life and the ability to be productive in society. Because of God's gift, we need to express our thankfulness to Him regularly. Also, we need to thank family members, friends, neighbors, associates, fellow-workers, and others for the contributions they make to our lives. These contributions enable us to live fulfilling and meaningful lives.

Harry Emerson Fosdick said that "It is not what life brings to you in its hand

that counts, it is what you do with it once you possess it." Even Christians often have difficult days and must deal with difficult circumstances. However, there is a "silver lining" in all situations if we look for it. The Apostle Paul reminds us that God can take all circumstance "good and bad" and use them for our ultimate good and for the Kingdom's advancement if we meet two Godly requirements: 1. Love God with

our total being and 2. Stay in the center of God's will. By meeting these two requirements we will live in such a manner that we will desire to give thanks daily! (Romans 8:28).

Several years ago, mentally and spiritually, my wife and I moved to "Thanksgiving Lane." It is an enjoyable and fulfilling place to live. We invite you to become our neighbors. All you need to do is become thankful daily!

## Salamembers

### Highlands Biological Foundation announces new membership just for kids!

The Highlands Biological Foundation is excited to introduce "Salamembers" - a new membership level just for kids!

There are loads of benefits to having Salamembership, including Salamembers only events, gifts discounts at the Highlands Nature Center, and lots of fun mail. Salamembers can submit their nature-related news, questions

and stories to be printed in The Salamember Scoop, a members-only newsletter. In addition, every Salamember will receive a winter gift of a beautiful Meet Your Neighbours photograph featuring a creature found around Highlands. Salamembers can collect a different one each year! They'll also get a birthday card and a personalized membership card that can be presented at Nature Center events to get free admission for the cardholder. Other benefits include an invitation to the summer Salamember Soiree, a members-only event that will be filled with activities and food. Speaking of summer, all Salamembers are entitled to a discount and early registration for a summer camp at the Nature Center. Finally, every Salamember

will be a special part of the Highlands Biological Foundation's team, where our members are very important to us. A Salamembership is ideal for kids up to the age of 14.

The Highlands Biological Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is dedicated to instilling in future generations the importance of learning about, and taking care of, the natural world around us. Our children and grandchildren will be the future stewards of this precious planet. Help foster a love of the natural world in a kid by giving the gift of a Salamembership. We promise each Salamember will learn and have fun! For only \$35, you can provide fun for a kid and support for the Foundation for a full year.

For more information, or to sign a kid up for a Salamembership, visit <http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/Salamembership.htm> where you can download a brochure to mail to the Foundation, or find the link to sign up online. You can also reach Michelle Ruigrok at 526-2602. Thank you for your support!





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with Fuller's Sugar House's real maple syrup and butter with bacon, ham, or house made sausage	5.99 7.99
Belgian Pecan Waffle with maple syrup and butter with bacon, ham, or house made sausage	7.99 9.99
<b>Breakfast Sandwiches:</b>	
Egg and Cheese Biscuit with bacon, ham, or house made sausage	2.99 3.99
Biscuit with bacon, ham, or house made sausage	3.29
Biscuit split and covered with authentic sausage sawmill gravy	3.99
<b>Sides:</b>	
Nora Mills stone ground grits	2.49
Home fries	2.49
One egg, any style	1.99
Toast	1.99
Biscuit	1.99
Bacon, ham, or house made sausage	2.79
Extra side of maple syrup	1.79

Mon - Sat open at 7 am and Sundays at 8 am.  
Corner of 5th & Main, Highlands NC 828-526-2400



# • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

with Ryan Potts

## Highlanders fall to Thomas Jefferson

The Highlands Highlanders finished up another terrific season with a loss on Wednesday night to the Thomas Jefferson Gryphons in what was a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> round NCHSAA play-off game. Despite being played in a misty rain, both teams brought tremendous fan support and the atmosphere was outstanding for a Wednesday night game.

The Gryphons, ranked #11 in the state, traveled three hours to arrive in Highlands but showed no signs of travel fatigue early as they battled the Highlanders evenly for the first part of the first half. However, midway through the

first half the Highlanders were able to earn a penalty via a handball in the box and Andrew Renfro hammered it home to give Highlands a 1-0 lead. Thomas Jefferson quickly returned the favor, as their outside midfielder scored a very difficult goal by chipping the ball over Cody St. Germain and equalizing the game at 1-1.

Highlands was able to ratchet up the pressure late in the first half and produce several scoring opportunities. Isaac Beavers capitalized on a long throw from Renfro and gave Highlands the lead at 2-1. Moments later, Dax Lloyd was able to connect on a shot to put Highlands up 3-1

heading into the half. Despite a two goal deficit, the Gryphons came out very strong in the second half, buoyed by the busloads of Gryphon fans that crowded the sideline. Thomas Jefferson cut the lead in half after a foul in the box gave them a penalty kick. Then, just seconds later, the center official inexplicably called another foul in the box that was questionable in the eyes of everyone on the field, Gryphon fans included. Thomas Jefferson capitalized on the break and tied the game at 3 apiece and the stunned Highlanders looked to mount another offensive. Unfortunately for Highlands, that offensive never came, and the Gryphons completed the comeback with another

goal to finish the game at 4-3.

The Highlanders completed the season at 16-4-3, which was a tremendous accomplishment given the number of seniors lost in the previous years. Seniors Isaac Beavers, Andrew Renfro, Tyler Converse, Clayton Creighton, Cody St. Germain, Tim Fogle and Clayton Dunn won a total of 66 games and 4 conference championships in their careers at Highlands, which is a remarkable accomplishment. Senior Bryon Neumann also played all three seasons he has been at Highlands and Dylon Tucker played one year. Hats off to the Highlanders for another terrific season.

### MACON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE SHOP WITH A COP

5K Race  
&  
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk  
December 10, 2011



This is a charity run hosted by the Macon County Sheriffs Office. All proceeds will be used by the MSCO Shop With A Cop to provide a Christmas shopping trip for needy children in our county.

Run will begin at the Franklin Highschool Student Parking Lot.  
Registration and packet pickup begins at 8:00 a.m. Race begins at 9:00 a.m.

Registration: \$25. A T-shirt included for the first 120 registered.

Awards: Top three males and females overall and winners of each age division will receive an award (14 & under, 15-25, 25-40, 40 & above)

Make checks payable to:  
MSCO Shop With A Cop  
Please cut off the form below and mail to:  
Macon County Sheriff's Office  
Shop With A Cop 5K  
1820 Lakeside Drive  
Franklin, NC 28734

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: S M L XL

Waiver: In consideration of this entry being accepted, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive and release from any and all claims and damage I may have against the Macon County Sheriffs Office, its representatives, successors and assignees, for any and all injuries arising out of my participation in this athletic event. I further state that I am in the proper physical condition to participate in this event.

Signed (If under 18, parent or guardian must sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Clay  
Dunn against  
Hayesville at  
home.

Photo by  
Noel  
Atherton



## MC Commission Tidbits

At the Nov. 8 Macon County Commission meeting, the board discussed a couple of issues discussed before – term limits and a Highlands property swap.

Decisions are pending on both; at the December meeting the county attorney will return with specifics.

He is going to present some recommendations for six or seven boards after he reviews the boards' by-laws and give a report

Board members have been considering a property swap in the vicinity of Za-

chary Field on Buck Creek Road. The Fisher family has proposed an even swap – a landlocked piece the county bought some years ago, for a piece adjacent to the Zachary Field property. The value of both pieces is almost the same – one is \$165,000 and one is \$167,000. Commissioners say if the swap is made the piece will be used to extend parking.

The County Manager is posting the required notice for the swap.

– Kim Lewicki

# • POLICE & FIRE LOG •

Highlands PD log entries from Nov. 4. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Nov. 4

• At 8 p.m., the proprietors of To the Nines boutique and the Inn at Half Mile Farm reported

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the town and doesn't mean one-cent extra going to the town," said Kevin O'Donnell who is the town's negotiator with Duke.

The town buys electricity from Duke at a wholesale price and resells it to its citizens. The Electric Fund is the town's number one enterprise fund.

On Oct. 31, Jim Rogers, Chairman, President and CEO of Duke Energy said the wholesale replacements needed at coal plants mean electricity prices must go up and claims in real terms, rates have stayed flat for 50 years. Duke is trying to get a 17% increase across the Carolinas to offset fuel and construction costs.

Next month the Town Board will hear from O'Donnell again when he presents a financial forecast and puts numbers to the rate increase.

"It's no fun doing rate increases but Duke's construction is driving up rates and Highlands' power supplier is Duke – a monopoly," he said.

But before rate increases are decided, two components needed to be added to Highlands' contract with Duke. One gives Duke the power to buy hydro-energy for Highlands and the other is an option to opt out of the agreement to allow Duke to buy "green" energy for Highlands if later on Highlands gets a better deal somewhere else.

A certain percentage of Highlands' total supply of energy must come from renewable sources but the Highlands market is so small it's not efficient or productive for it to try to buy the federally required amount itself. It makes more sense to let Duke buy it for Highlands so it will at least be in compliance, said O'Donnell. However as "green" producers increase, it's possible that down the line, Highlands can buy the required amount of green power itself, hence the "Opt Out" clause.

The board unanimously amended the contract.

Next, Commissioner John Dotson asked that the Planning Board come up

hearing from the owner of a credit card concerning her card being used without her consent to the tune of \$2,831.31. The person illegally using the card has been identified as a woman from Greenville, SC, and charges are pending.

Nov. 9

• At 11:34 a.m., Rene Carlos Vazquez-

with an ordinance concerning commercial lighting – basically to reduce ambient light in the atmosphere as proposed in the Dark Skies Initiative.

This was spurred by the Wells Fargo ATM design set for Highlands Plaza where two, 25-ft. security lights would have cast two, 50-ft arcs of light. Both the Appearance Commission and the Zoning Board balked at the prospect. The Zoning Board made altering the lighting design a condition in the Special Use Permit for the project.

The board unanimously agreed to send the request to the Planning Board.

The final amendment to the zoning ordinance eliminating everything concerning Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) was adopted 3-2 with Commissioners Amy Patterson and Dennis DeWolf voting against the motion.

The board also discussed openings on various boards and committees – notably openings caused by the recent election and the abolishment of ETJ.

Michael "Bud" Rogers was moved from an alternate position on the Zoning Board to regular member, and Steve Chenoweth was appointed as a regular member. They replace Eric Pierson, who is moving to the Town Board, and Tony Potts, who is coming off the Zoning Board due to the abolishment of ETJ. Two alternates are still needed on the Zoning Board.

Commissioners decided to ask ETJ representatives on the Planning Board – John Crowe and Mike Bryson — to stay until their terms are up in June.

Brenda Pierson was appointed to the ABC Board to replace her son Eric, who will move to the Town Board in December.

Commissioners went into Closed Session to discuss the two final candidates for Town Manager who they hope to hire and announce next week.

Attorney Bill Coward also requested a litigation matter be discussed in Closed Session.

– Kim Lewicki

Garza, 35, of Highlands, was arrested for driving with a revoked license when stopped by police for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Nov. 13

• At 7:12 p.m., officers responded to a call about an open door at a residence on Big Bear Pen Road, but all was OK.

• During the week, police officers issued 7 citations and responded to 2 alarms.

Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from Nov. 8

Nov. 8

• At 12:49 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm set off by workers at a residence on Sagee Woods Drive.

Nov. 9

• At 7:22 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Crescent Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.

• At 7:39 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Gold Mine Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

• At 7:56 a.m., the dept. responded to a call about a dog wedged between rocks at Bust Your Butt Falls, but no dog was found.

• At 8:20 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm set off by workers at a residence on Sagee Woods Drive.

• At 9:05 a.m., the dept. responded to the Police Dept. building under construction where a worker had fallen and broken his hip. He was transported to the hospital.

• At 7:42 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106.

Nov. 13

• At 3:10 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident involving a motorcycle and a pick-up truck at Clear Creek and Sassafras roads. There were minor injuries and the victims were transported to the hospital.

• At 2:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Church Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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to the ordinance not something deVille did to circumnavigate the ordinance that has put him out of compliance.

"He has a condition no one else has and there is no precedent so he can meet the required criteria for hardship," said Potts.

In addition, since deVille rents storage space on the upper floor of the adjacent building, the board suggested his "frontage" could include the

portion of the adjacent building that fronts Main Street and adding them together would bring the size of his sign into compliance.

Regarding the historical and frontage issue, Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward said by law, the Zoning Board can interpret the ordinance any way it wants.

The board voted unanimously to grant the sign variance.

Two Special Use Permits

(SUP) were also discussed and granted – one for a new international market/22-seat restaurant in Wright Square and one for a Wells Fargo ATM in the Highlands Plaza parking lot across from the car wash.

Angela Wiggins, the owner of the proposed market, said similar international stores are doing well in Franklin and Clayton

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**Your Dental Health if you are 50+**

If you are 50 or older you may have noticed some changes in your dental health. If you have been brushing, flossing and seeing your dentist regularly your teeth are probably still very healthy. Things to keep an eye on when you've past your 50th birthday include: dry mouth, weakened bones, burning mouth syndrome and suspicious sores.

Dry mouth commonly appears as a side effect to medication. Hundreds of medicines ranging from antidepressants to antihistamines can cause saliva production to slow. Dry mouth is not only uncomfortable it can lead to tooth decay. Our saliva is constantly bathing our teeth and washing away the bacteria that cause tooth decay. If your saliva production has slowed it is important to keep your mouth moist. Sip water often, chew sugarless gum to promote saliva production or suck on sugarless candy. Ask your dentist about artificial saliva substitutes if your dry mouth is severe.

As we age our bones may weaken due to osteoporosis. Because our teeth are anchored

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into our jaw bone this weakened state can affect your smile as well. The National Institutes of Health found that older women with osteoporosis are more likely to lose teeth. **Dental implants** can be used to replace missing teeth and can even help keep your jaw-bone healthy.

Any sore in your mouth that doesn't go away in two weeks should be considered suspicious. Oral cancers affect over 30,000 Americans each year and the numbers are increasing. Oral cancers used to be seen mostly in smokers or people who smoked and drank alcohol, today that statistic is changing.

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and serve members and families of subcultures who work in the construction, extraction, maintenance and repair industry in the area.

She also said the market/restaurant would cater to second-home owners who are accustomed to such venues in their home towns.

The SUP was unanimously approved. The market will be housed at 137 Wright Square in the B2 zone. Since it is in a shopping center there is sufficient parking.

The SUP for the proposed Wells Fargo ATM in Highlands Plaza was also granted but with stipulations.

The zoning ordinance requires that prior to the Zoning Board considering any SUP the case must be heard by the Appearance Commission if it will change the appearance of a building or premise.

At its Monday night meeting, the Appearance Commission asked that the SUP request be denied because of the location of the ATM – an issue not in their realm because it is only to consider the “look” but the Zoning Board voiced the same concern.

The Appearance Commission approved the design as presented with the addition of exposed rafter tails and security lights with down lighting.

The Zoning Board is concerned about the placement of the kiosk in the Plaza parking lot and the 4-way intersection it is near and asked that a new location be considered.

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They were also concerned about the style of lighting proposed which will illuminate a 50-ft. arc – something Doug Johnson, who represented the company building the ATM, said Wells Fargo could be advised of so the lighting configuration could be altered. The Appearance Commission as well as Commissioner John Dotson, who was in attendance and spoke to the issue, requested down lighting and stressed the importance of the Dark Sky initiative.

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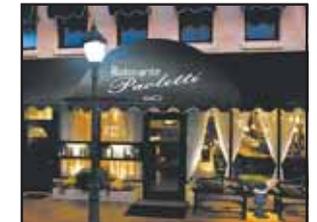
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