

# Highlands' Newspaper

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Thurs., Sept. 8

• Join the Junior class at Highlands School for a BBQ dinner to raise money for prom. Dinner is 4:30-6 pm. Bake sale and a PTO meeting after.

• At Highlands Smokehouse, Karaoke at 9 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., Sept. 9 & 10

• At...on the Verandah, a sing-a-long with the piano man 9-11p in the Dug Out Lounge.

Saturday, Sept. 10

• Highlands Farmer's Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, 8-11 a.m. Homegrown and home-made.

• At Dusty's on NC 106, a free wine and food tasting.

• Clear Creek Baptist Church fundraiser features a cake auction, item auction, music and food, 5:30 p.m. at the Satolah Fire Department. Music starts at 7 p.m.

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society field trip to birding hot spots around Highlands. Call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

• Relay For Life Highlands Falls CC PAR 5K on the golf course (3.1 miles). Registration is required. Linn:briningit2life@yahoo.com

• Benefit for David Webb at the Rec Park from 5-9 p.m. Includes hot dog supper and music by the Johnny Webb Band and the Albert Webb Band. Cake auction, too.

• At Ruka's Table, a Wine Tasting 4:30-6:30p and Jazz Music starting at 6:30p

Sun., Sept. 11

• The 19th Bel Canto at PAC. For tickets call 526-1947.

• The Forest Service open house at the Highlands District Ranger's Office on Flat Mtn. Rd from 1-5 p.m.

• At Highlands Smokehouse, Fiddlin' Mitch at 6 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 12

• Physician Forum with Dr. Richard Matthews presents "Insulin Levels - What Everyone Should Know." 12 noon to 1 pm on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic. Register in advance (828) 526-1313.

Tues., Sept. 13

• Celebrate 150 Years of hospitality at 4 1/2 Street Inn and Colonial Pines Inn from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

• Story Swap at 7:30 pm, at the Ugly Dog Pub at 294 S. 4th St.

## ETJ public hearing set for Sept. 27

Almost six years after Highlands evoked Extra Territorial Jurisdiction in the one-mile radius beyond the corporate limits commissioners are now considering abolishing it.

Setting the public hearing on

the change was on Tuesday night's agenda and most of the people who came did so to hear discussion on the subject.

However, since setting a public hearing was already planned, Mayor David Wilkes' asked the

public to save their comments for the required public hearing set for Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rec Park.

Traditionally, Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) is evoked to

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## Some claim craft fair cuts into Main St. biz

On the heels of the Village Square Art and Craft Show in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street this Labor Day weekend, come cries from some disenchant-ed merchants crying foul.

Merchants who must pay high rents on Main Street, as well as payroll, taxes and everything else associated with running a retail shop, resent crafters who come to town, set up camp on public property and they claim "steal business from them." They say the duplication of products, like jewelry and pottery, cuts into their profits.

Years ago, once the park was designated as such, the Town Board drew up rules of engagement at the park. Nonprofit functions were to be allowed, "soft" commercial events, like craft fairs, and countywide events were to be allowed since county funds help maintain Kelsey-Hutchinson

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A sneak peak at what's to come. A shot of Bust Your Butt Falls on U.S. 64 west taken last week. Photo by Linda Bardo

## Forecaster predicts excellent colors in WNC

The annual prediction from Kathy Mathews, Western Carolina University's fearless fall foliage forecaster, should make chamber of commerce officials across the Western North Caroli-

na mountains happy this year.

That's because Mathews is calling for an excellent fall color show, thanks in large part to weather conditions over the

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## Boating ban on Upper Chattooga championed

Georgia ForestWatch and Wilderness Watch have filed detailed public comments urging the U.S. Forest Service to uphold the "zoning" that prohibits boating on the 21 miles of the Wild and Scenic Upper Chattooga River in Georgia and the Carolinas.

"This zoning has worked well to preserve the solitude and wilderness characteristics of a pristine river corridor for more than 35 years," said Wayne Jenkins, the executive director of the ForestWatch conservation group, based in Ellijay, Georgia. "We see no reason to open it up for the sake of a few kayakers who already have rights to plenty of whitewater in this region."

George Nickas, executive director of Wilderness Watch, said it was important to help protect the Ellicott Rock

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### The truth about the Tea Party

Dear Editor,

In a Quinnipiac University polling (8/16-8/27), 29% of Americans responded that they couldn't formulate a favorable or unfavorable opinion regarding the Tea Party because they hadn't heard enough about it. Following are the core beliefs of the Tea Party.

The Tea Party is a political phenomenon of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Independently, throughout this nation, like-minded individuals began meeting to discuss America's massive government spending and unprecedented debt. Lack of transparency and accountability, a failing economy, unsustainable entitlement programs, and a financial crisis triggered by the government mortgage giants of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac served as alarms that awakened people to the need for fiscal responsibility in our government.

In addition to fiscal responsibility, the Tea Party believes in the values of constitutionally limited government. We respect the original meaning and intent of the Founders. The Constitution provides for a system of checks and balances in order to prevent usurpation of power; back door legislation by executive order can lead to corruption. We believe in our inalienable rights and we pledge our allegiance to America. We defend our values and freedoms and believe in the exceptionalism of America.

Besides fiscal responsibility and constitutionally limited government, the Tea Party champions a free market economy, the basis of America's prosperity. We are against federal bailouts of corporations. We believe that financial institutions should regulate student loans, not the government. The free market system should prevail; the government should not be choosing winners and losers, as they have been with car companies, financial institutions, and soon to be, healthcare. Free markets should be free, not stifled and controlled by executive ordered regulations.

## • HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

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In an attempt to restore fiscal sanity to DC, the Tea Party has shown a spotlight on out of control spending and skyrocketing national debt. The Tea Party has alerted the nation to unconstitutional legislation and usurpation of executive power. The Tea Party believes that an unbridled free market system, not socialism, will restore the American economy to its former status.

The simple truth is that, for far too long, American voters have relied on what they believed to be the innate integrity of our elected leaders, Democrats and Republicans. Unfortunately, both parties have let us down. The members of the Tea Party are no longer inattentive or gullible. We are concerned citizens who want to preserve what is best in our nation, for both present and future generations.

Gail Chapman, President  
Mountain Patriots Tea Party  
Franklin

### In Memory of Clem Henry 6-1-46 to 9-12-10

One year in heaven! I'm sure it's all you dreamed it would be and more. We miss you more everyday but we can imagine you at the feet of Jesus worshipping the one you loved so much.

Love you forever  
Your brothers & sisters

## • CORRECTION •

In the Aug. 31 edition of Highlands' Newspaper a real estate ad ran on page 26 without the complete affiliation. Cindy Lawson-Crane has dual licenses - one in Georgia with Prudential Georgia Realty and one in North Carolina with White Oak Realty Group in Highlands. Highlands' Newspaper regrets the mix up and is happy to set the record straight.

# • OBITUARIES •

## Rev. Walter McClain Wilson



Rev. Walter McClain Wilson, age 76, of Mack Wilson Road, Highlands, NC, died Thursday, September 1, 2011 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was a native of Macon County, son of the late Mack Wilson and Lona Chastain Wilson. He had pastored several churches in Western North Carolina, and was a member of Short-off Baptist Church, where he had served as pastor for a number of years. He was a barber and also owned and operated a sawmill for several years. He was a 50-year member and past master of Blue Ridge Lodge #135 AF & AM, a 32nd degree York Rite Mason, and member of Highlands Chapter #437 OES Easter Star.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lucille Nix Wilson, a daughter, Lisa Norris and husband Lester of Highlands, NC; a sister, Dolly McCall and husband Frank, of Highlands, NC; two brothers, Thomas Wilson of Highlands, NC and Albert Wil-

son of Espanola, New Mexico. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Velma Talley Mason and Ellie Nix and four brothers, Curt, Joe, Lyman and Eugene Wilson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 4 at First Baptist Church in Highlands with Rev. Andy Cloer, Rev. Paul Christy, and Rev. Charles Harris officiating.

Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery, where Masonic graveside services will be held. Pallbearers were Dennis Wilson, Craig McCall, Boyd McCall, Bud Wilson, Roger Wilson, Roger Lee Wilson, Edwin Wilson, and Bill Lowe.

Memorials may be made to Shortoff Baptist Church, PO Box 1217, Highlands, NC or to Clear Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, PO Box 1470, Highlands, NC 28741.

Byrant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# • THANK YOU •

## Fundraising opportunity good for school

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation as a parent of children at Highlands School to the individuals and businesses in our community that have been so supportive of the Highlander Card and the Highlands School PTO.

Especially: Annawear, El Azteca, Kilwins, Pizza Place, Chris & Charlie's, Extreme Threads, Highlands Lawn & Garden, Pescado's, Toy Store, Highlands Smokehouse, Whole Food Market, Creative Concepts, Flipside, Manley's Auto & Towing, Sports Page, Highlands Kids, Ruka's Table and Happy Family Cleaners.

What better way to support local businesses and my child's school at the same time? For only \$20 (that goes straight back into the school)...the discounts are amazing and it's something every family can use.

I commend Nikki Smolarsky, PTO President and the board for finding a way to create a fundraising opportunity that benefits everyone.

I have always felt raising children in our community was a blessing and like having an extended family. This is reaffirmed when I see our local businesses and parents working

together to benefit our most important assets: our children.

I am very proud to be part of this community and a parent at Highlands School.

Andrea Chalker, Highlands

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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### He didn't have a leg to stand on

(I'm not making this up!)

**R**ule number one. Never ever, ever make fun of a man with no legs....so I won't. But on a beautiful Saturday morning on August 13<sup>th</sup> there was a circus-styled situation transpiring between Farmers Market chief czar and organizer Andrea Gabbard and a very persistent scruffy type amputee....yes, I said amputee. The duel was second to none I've seen lately. Read on.

First off, I always thought I'd be better off with a front row assignment up near Pine Street so customers could easily find me and my books. Wrong, turkey-breath! I've got the best spot in the park, centrally located toward the back where I see all the merchants, their customers and all the



Fred Wooldridge

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action. From my spot, I don't miss a thing and my customers are finding me just fine.

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I first spotted him chasing Andrea across the grass at the park heading for the band shelter. He had his "Harley" (That's what I'm calling his motorized chair.) in high gear and was bookin' at about two miles an hour. She was ignoring him. She stopped near the band shelter to speak with a merchant and that's when I saw there was trouble in River City. They were arguing. Wait, it gets better...ah, worse.

As Andrea headed back to Pine Street I heard the guy say, "I'm going to follow you around all day until you let me sell

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## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### Something is very wrong ...

A 15-year-old boy was sentenced to two to four years in juvenile detention for a robbery which netted seven cents. His conviction will brand him a felon for the rest of his life. That was the lead in to a story that circulated last week.

Where is the justice?

The justice, it turns out is in the body of the story. Two teenaged boys, or thugs if you prefer, robbed a 73-year-old man. They threatened him with hand guns which were later determined to be BB guns. They just looked like guns to the victim. They struck him and kicked him in the face when he fell. Then they took everything he had; seven cents. The defense attorney, doing what attorneys do, demanded to know how a judge could mark the child for life. The boy initially denied involvement in the crime and even after his partner confessed, refused to plead guilty.

I don't know how much time a kid should get for threatening an elderly man with a gun, beating and kicking him, and taking everything he has, but I'm keenly aware that the defense attorney and the writer who wrote the story missed the point. My guess is that they did not miss the point so much as they intentionally distorted the event.

I might not, probably would not, have read the story if the headline had read, "Punk gets serious time for beating and robbing an old man." I understand the writer's motivation. He wanted me to read his story. I understand the attorney's reaction, an attempt to incite outrage against a Draconian judicial decision, or a desire to get her name in



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

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print. I suppose she expected a call from a TV network, inviting her to appear on an early morning newsoid show to discuss the injustice of the sentence. I don't watch daytime TV, so I can't be sure, but I'd be surprised if any producer bit, surely no one from Fox. It might be the kind of story that would move Anderson Cooper to tears. Unfortunately, he wouldn't be crying over the victim of the crime or the tainted journalism.

The idea of the youthful offender is somewhat of a mystery. Are we to believe that a 15-year-old is less aware of right, wrong, law, and crime than an 18-year-old? Gangs have recruited their underage members to commit murders with full knowledge that the murderer will spend a year or two in juvie and then be released to rejoin the gang.

I don't know anything about the kid involved, but I doubt that he was a good kid, straight "A" student, who just needed movie money. It's a shame that he'll be branded a felon for life, but I don't think it's the judge's fault. His record will make his life far more difficult than it might have been. He'll have trouble finding a job, even if he finishes high school in jail. He'll be unable to join the military, an option for many youngsters who can't find anything else. I guess he won't be allowed to vote or hold office, both of which seem like good things.

I think those who say his life is ruined are right on target, but it isn't ruined because of a seven-cent heist. It's ruined because of a vicious attack on an elderly man; that and the fact that he took everything the old man had.

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my knives. I've got no place to go so get used to me hounding you."

*This is not good*, I thought. The guy is pickin' on my friend. I considered pushing over his chair but decided that would be... tacky. But I do tacky. What to do? Later in the morning when Andrea was able to hide behind a large flower arrangement next to the homemade canoe, the guy lost track of her. He headed my way so I waved him over. Maybe I could reason with him.

"Good morning, sir. How are you today?" I asked.

"Not good," he responded. "They won't let me sell my knives. That woman said this is a farmers market but I see you're selling books; where are your vegetables? And I see that guy over there with the

chainsaw is making bears? Where's his vegetables?"

Yikes, I had to think quickly. The guy momentarily had me on the ropes. Finally, I said, "First off. Never say 'that woman' when referring to Andrea. Secondly, this is not a flea market but a farmers market where crafts are also allowed as long as the craftsman created them and the vegetable and fruit people have first choice." I pointed to my books. "I wrote these books and that guy over there handcrafted his bears." Ha, I had him.

The guy shot back, "Well, I made my knives."

A nearby merchant called out, "Bull!"

The guy spun his Harley around in anger to see who spoke and spotted Andrea headed for the vitamin stand. He kicked ole Harley into gear and headed for her. When he caught up, the argument started again.

**Rule number two.** Never piss off Andrea. Shortly after they had words again, here comes da man...da PO-LICE...the screws.

The guy saw the cops closing in and slammed his Harley into overdrive. The chase was on. OK, OK, it wasn't much of a chase. And remember folks, there is absolutely no charge for this kinda stuff.

And there's nothing more convincing than a couple of badges to make one change

their attitude. The guy promised to behave and spent the rest of the morning sitting and pouting with a friend merchant he came with. I wanted to interview him but didn't want to stir up trouble. Ya know how much I don't like to make trouble.

And finally, the real scoop on this market is that no one is getting rich. Let's see, the farmers buy the seeds and fertilizer, and then they cultivate their plants all summer while watching for bugs until they bloom and eventually turn into vegetables. They pick and wash them, load them into their gas guzzling trucks and haul them up the mountain in hopes of selling them....maybe....probably. Then they take their proceeds and haul them back down the mountain and call it a day.

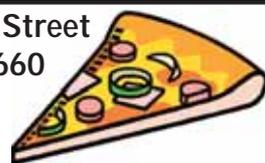
They do it for love, not money. It's all about the love of selling what they grow or create...and, of course, fun. Oh, I almost forgot. This is where the expression "He ain't making beans" came from Write that down.

Soooo, on September 10<sup>th</sup> come on over to the market and watch the action. It's the best show in town, bar none....and you might even get to see the guy on his Harley get hauled off to jail. I'm bringin' my camera and extra chairs to rent. Don't miss it.

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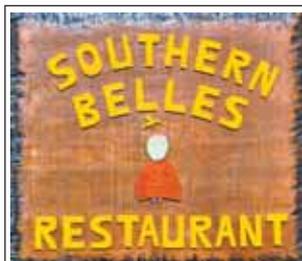
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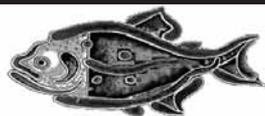
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protect watersheds outside a municipality's corporate limits and/or to apply zoning of some kind. In Highlands' case the purpose was two-fold - both to protect the watershed, since the town's Class I drinking source flows into town from beyond its jurisdiction, and to zone the corridors leading into town - US 64 east, NC Hwy 28 south, and NC 106.

Since the Planning Board recommended 5-2 to abolish ETJ, the Town Board must decide whether it wants to abolish it outright or tweak it. The decision will come at the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting.

Tuesday night commissioners also adopted a resolution of intent to consider permanently closing a portion of Church Street Alley behind the Highlands United Methodist Church and Lupoli's Town Square property. The required public hearing on the issue is set for 7 p.m. on Oct. 4 in the Community Building.

The preliminary and final plat for the Post Office at NC 106 and US 64 was OK'd with the understanding that the ingress/egress off NC 106 to lot #1 - the 1.90 acres housing the post office - would be 40-foot

wide and extend to lot #2 - the remaining 3.12 acres - so it could be used as ingress/egress onto that lot as well, instead of building another road off NC 106 where Spring Street, Helen's Barn Avenue, Log Cabin Lane and a future road onto lot 2 of the tract already converge.

With the help of Town Attorney Bill Coward and Police Chief Bill Harrell, commissioners are hammering out an ordinance forbidding weapons on Town of Highlands property et al. The final draft will come up for a vote at the Oct 4 Town Board meeting.

And finally, the board allotted \$50,000 in change orders which includes a \$5,000 contingency for the Police Department Renovation.

All contingency money had been stripped from the project, but unforeseen problems like asbestos inspection and removal cut into the budget. Now \$32,234 is needed to continue but the board also OK'd another \$2,500 for furniture and \$9,500 for exterior concrete landscaping - sidewalks and steps - then added \$5,000 for contingencies.

- **Kim Lewicki**

# • COACH'S CORNER •

## Smurfs? Hardly

**M**y buddy Jackpot is not going to like this column, because he is always getting after me to write about his beloved Dawgs. Trust me, buddy-there are better days ahead, as Aaron Murray is a fine quarterback.



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Unfortunately, on Saturday night, Boise State had a better quarterback, and a better everything else in a 35-21 beatdown of Georgia that wasn't that close.

A few years ago, Boise State captured our hearts in the Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma by winning with an array of trickeration and a gambler's heart. They didn't have the personnel to match Adrian Peterson and the Sooners, but they had the brains and the guts to pull out the victory. Fast Forward six years in the future and many people still look at the Broncos as the lovable team with the Smurf Blue turf and crazy trick plays. However, if you watched Boise State travel 3,000 miles across the country to Atlanta and whip the Dawgs in their own backyard, maybe these Broncos need to start being looked at a little differently.

You see, Boise State didn't beat Georgia with trick plays or a crowd roaring for Cinderella, they beat Georgia by punching them right in the mouth and not letting up. Boise State's defensive line, supposedly too small to hold up against the largest offensive line in Georgia history instead dominated the point of attack, sacking Murray 6 times and holding the Dawgs to one long TD run and a bunch of 2 yard games. People expect teams like Boise State to score points, but they don't expect them to manhandle a SEC offensive line the way that they did Saturday night.

Offensively, Georgia held Boise State in the first quarter and it looked like Kellen Moore might struggle against the SEC speed on Georgia's defense. Wrong. The Broncos caught fire, only going three and out three times and absolutely shredding

Georgia with a hurry-up offense that had the Dawgs calling timeout just to catch up. It was the kind of performance that can make one reconsider the notion of the Broncos as a Cinderella story.

Unfortunately, in the grand scheme of things, none of this will matter in the long run. Boise State will continue to get shut out of the BCS title game because of its weak schedule, and teams will continue ducking the Broncos (no team from a BCS conference will dare schedule a home and home and travel to Boise). However, Saturday night was a statement to those of us in SEC country—a statement that the Broncos are more than just fancy tricks.

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— the History Guy

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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Are we holy?

### I Peter 2:9

By Rev. Sam Forrester  
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

The apostle Peter in his first epistle exhorts the people of God to live lives that are holy and pure.

In Peter 2:9 he says "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Those who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord, should be striving for all they are worth to live lives that declare their love and appreciation to him for all he has done for them.

No one can save themselves, they are saved by the works and merits of Jesus alone. They are not required to keep the law to earn from God anything. They are not under the covenant of works, for Jesus came and fulfilled that covenant, bringing a new covenant, the covenant of redemption. The believer keeps the law only to show his love and appreciation to Christ for his work on their behalf. This is what Peter is calling believers to do, be holy because their God is holy.

The apostle points out that believers are a chosen people, they hold a very special place in the economy of God, they are a royal priesthood. They serve as God's own holy nation, his people, set apart to declare his message to a lost and dying world.

The thing that stands out in this verse is the last phrase "called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." What distresses me about this is what I see in those people in our nation that call themselves Christian and refuse to stand up for the holiness called for in this passage.

This has been made clear in the number of young ladies I see having babies out of wedlock. What is even more disturbing are the churches that seem to treat these births as though they are not shameful and a disgrace for the young women. Many of these young women receive showers given by churches or church groups. Fornication is a sin (Eph 5:3, Col. 3:5, 1 Th. 4:3) and just as much so for the young man who fathers such children. Sin should produce shame in the hearts of those who have engaged in it but many of these young women have two or three such illegitimate children and many by different fathers. The whole purpose of the Church is to warn people of sin and its devastating consequences on life, to lead them to the true Savior, Jesus Christ, and to a life that reflects his holiness. I see and hear the commitment made by many churches against abortion, which is a heinous sin, the murder of the most helpless among us and I wonder why do they wait for the child to be conceived, and then, take their stand against sin. Would it not be better to cut off the need for abortion by preaching against the sin of fornication? It seems to me that many treat these young women as heroines for not having an abortion and ignore the sin that brought them to this point.

Should we not attack the works of the devil where they begin? In Proverbs 19:18 it says "Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death." Paul said in Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death...." Can it be any clearer, those who engage in fornication repeatedly will bring upon themselves a dire curse that leaves them completely unprotected against the wrath of God. There is only one hope for them and it is the duty of those who believe God, to call them to repent. To teach them what sin is and how to live their lives above that sin, to be holy because their God is holy. To come out of the "darkness into his wonderful light." Let all who name the name of Jesus Christ stand up and declare with a loud and clear voice what sin is and what it does to those who live in it. Let them shout with all of their strength the message of grace found in Jesus Christ. Let them show their revulsion at sin, for we are in danger of losing the true message to a world view that does not want to acknowledge sin and thus cannot acknowledge Christ as Savior.

John 3:16

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Proverbs 3:5

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# • CONSERVATIVE POV

## The gift that keeps on giving



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TN farm, owned by Sen. Albert Gore, Sr. What I do know with certaintude is that Senator Albert Gore, Sr. not only voted AGAINST the Civil Rights Act, he helped organize a filibuster AGAINST it. Putting two and two together, there just might be a smidgen of discrimination in junior's genes.

But enough about him. So much to write about, so little time.

I had a catch in my spirit the other day. With the TV in the background, I thought I heard the name Alan Krueger mentioned. Alan Krueger, I mused?

Doing a little research, I discovered why I had a problem when hearing his name. I'll let the dailynews.com tell you. "Following a speech in Bowling Green yesterday, US Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., harshly criticized President Barack Obama's nomination of Alan Krueger to become chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advis-

ers. (This would be #3 after Christina Roemer and Austan Goolsby).

'You know, they say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result,' Paul said. 'Krueger was the architect for a lot of policies we've already had - cash for clunkers, government paying money that they don't have for people's old cars and getting people to scrap old cars. A ridiculous idea that didn't work. So (Obama) appoints this guy to be his new economic adviser. He really needs to rethink his philosophy.'

What bothers me about Krueger is that, as an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, he advocated instituting a 5% national sales tax on top of the personal income tax. Yikes. So much for Krueger.

Saving the best for the last, let's discuss Solyndra, shall we? From Upi.com:

"The demise of solar panel manufacturer Solyndra, which received a \$535 million loan guarantee from the federal government in 2009, calls into question the Obama's administration clean-energy stim-

ulus program. In a May 2010 speech at the company President Obama said, 'Companies like Solyndra are leading the way toward a brighter and more prosperous future.' Last week, Solyndra announced it was closing its factory, laying off its 1,100 employees and filing for bankruptcy protection.

Back to Upi.com: "This was an unexpected outcome and is most unfortunate,' Solyndra Chief Executive Brian Harrison said. 'Regulatory and policy uncertainties' made it impossible to raise capital quickly and rescue the operation.

Well Brian, if you didn't see this coming, you are the worst CEO in history. Solyndra is the third U.S. solar company to have collapsed in a month along with Evergreen Solar and SpectraWatt. You may have gotten a clue when, last spring, BP Solar stopped manufacturing at its Fredrick, MD complex. I'm sure Obama was pleased when Brian attributed his inability to save the company because of "regulatory and policy uncertainties" brought about by Obama's administration.

It's a jungle out there.



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I swear I'll get off the subject soon, but this is just too good to pass up. Headline from the Daily Caller (never heard of it, but it is obviously on the left side of life):

"Gore: Global warming skeptics are this generation's racists." Here we go again.

Now, as an avowed non-racist, I would take exception to Gore's accusation. However, a headline at POLITICO (heard of it and I know it's over there somewhere): "Carson: Tea party wants blacks 'hanging on a tree.'" Oh nertz, that makes it official. Who is Carson, you ask? "Rep. Andre Carson, a Democrat from Indiana who serves as the CBS's chief vote counter (?), said at a CBC (Congressional Black Caucus) event in Miami that some in Congress 'would love to see us as second-class citizens' and 'some of them in Congress right now of this tea party movement would love to see you and me ... hanging on a tree.'"

While I am not "one of them in Congress right now," I certainly hope I helped just a little bit to get him/her/them there. I guess that would make me, in Rep. Carson's eyes, a racist. If both Gore and Carson say so, it must be so.

Back to Gore. "I remember, again going back to my early years in the South, when the civil rights revolution was unfolding, there were two things that really made an impression on me. My generation watched Bull Connor turning the hose on civil rights demonstrators and we went, 'Whoa! How gross and evil is that?' My generation asked old people, "Explain to me again why it is OK to discriminate against people because their skin color is different?"

Gore goes on, in a tortured fashion, to compare our disagreeing with his global warming fantasy to the treatment civil rights demonstrators endured. If you haven't been convinced yet that Gore is a complete whack job (he advocated eliminating the internal combustion engine in 1992), perhaps this will sway you to the realm of reality.

Now I don't know if Gore's paternal ancestors, which settled in VA in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, ever kept slaves to work on their farm. I also don't know with certainty that the family used slaves on their Carthage,

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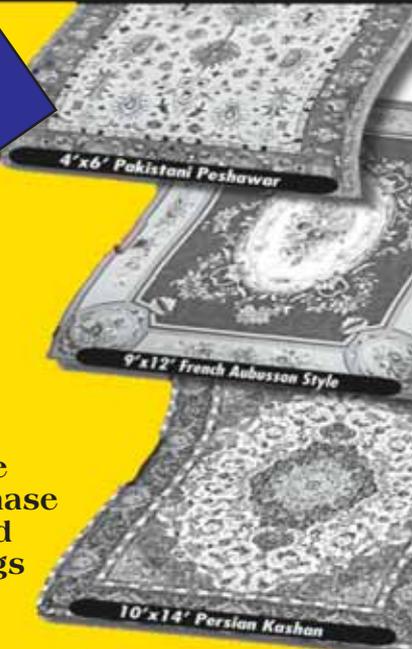
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spring and summer.

"2011 should prove to be an excellent year for fall color," said Mathews, WCU associate professor of biology specializing in plant systematics. "While heavy spring rain is generally not a good sign for fall color, records indicate that rainfall was slightly below normal for March, average for April and May, and slightly below normal for June and July, as gardeners struggled to keep their crops watered," she said. "These conditions actually are promising for good development of leaf color in September and October."

In addition, mid-August brought a respite from the hot temperatures of June and July, another good sign of vibrant leaf color during autumn, she said.

Mathews believes that the formation of higher levels of yellow, orange and red pigments in the leaves seems to correlate with dry weather throughout the year. The drier the climate, the more brilliant the fall leaves tend to be, she said.

Of course, when it comes to forecasting the vibrancy of the fall color season, just as with forecasting the weather, there are no guarantees. Cloud cover and ample rainfall in the weeks ahead could mute the color show, Mathews said.

"Anyone remembering the last two years may have noticed a shortage of brilliant red leaves in our area, which could be blamed on cloudy weather and rain during the fall," she said. "Hurricane season also can be hard to predict as far as bringing rain to the mountains, but if we see cool and sunny weather, we can expect nice red color to develop this year."

Some weather forecast models show Hurricane Irene, currently moving across the Caribbean Sea, dropping heavy rains on Western North Carolina, which could affect fall colors in the mountains, Mathews said.

Cooler temperatures of autumn contribute to the decomposition of chlorophyll, the chemical that gives leaves their green color in spring and summer. As chlorophyll breaks down, yellow pigments – always present in the leaves, but masked by the green of chlorophyll – are revealed, and new red pigments are produced.

Depending upon the timing of the first frost, the peak of fall color should arrive during the second week of October in the higher elevations, and during the third week of October in the mid-elevations, Mathews said.

"Early November can bring surprising bursts of color, too, particularly between 2,500 and 3,000 feet as the oaks peak out in

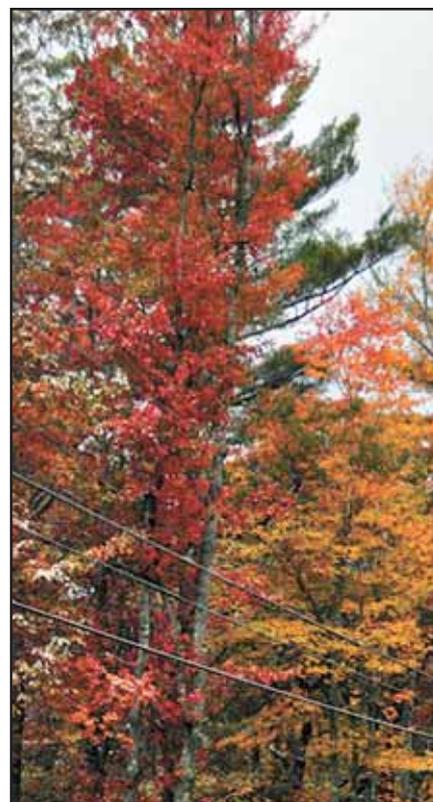
oranges and reds while other trees' colors are lingering," she said. "Those planning leaf-peeping vacations should have a fairly broad window of time in which to choose for viewing excellent color change in the mountains this year."

The color change should begin at the higher mountain elevations in late September and continue through mid-November in the lower levels of WNC.

"Look for the earliest color change to take place on the sourwoods and dogwoods, which both turn red, as well as the tulip poplars, which become yellow but tend to turn brown early," Mathews said. "Colorful maples, with hues of red, orange and yellow, and birches, which turn yellow, bring us into the peak period. Finally, oaks turn orange and red to round out the later color change in the season."

Sweet birches and tulip poplars already are starting to turn yellow in the mid-elevations around Cullowhee, which is a normal occurrence for this time of year, she said.

"Over the month of September, the color change should continue and spread. Expect buckeyes to give pops of orange early, as well. Maples will add more yellow, oranges and reds as they gradually change in late September, and sourwoods should turn a beautiful, deep red," Mathews said.



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Wilderness in all three affected states. "We do not believe that adding yet another use to an already pressured wild area is an appropriate solution."

The Forest Service has proposed opening 16.5 miles of these headwaters for three months of the year, and solicited public comment on those plans – the latest in a six-year analysis of the situation. The Agency's plan would permit boating from Green Creek to Lick Log Creek, an area that bisects the sensitive Chattooga Cliffs area, Ellicott Rock Wilderness and Rock Gorge backcountry.

Other conservation groups also have filed similar comment letters, expressing serious reservation about the Forest Service plans. That list includes the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club; Friends of Georgia; the Highlands (N.C.) Biological Station, an inter-institutional research field station of the University of North Carolina, and its affiliated Highlands Biological Foundation; and the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance, which covers the Chattooga headwaters in Highlands and Cashiers, N.C.

Simultaneously, Georgia ForestWatch filed a motion in U.S. District Court in Greenville, S.C. to intervene in a court suit brought by boating lobby groups to try to circumvent the Forest Service environmental analysis process and immediately open the 21 miles of affected headwaters.

ForestWatch and Wilderness Watch contend that it makes more sense to preserve the Upper Chattooga for the

hikers, hunters, anglers, birders, picnickers, botanists and nature photographers who currently enjoy the solitude of one of the last quiet places in the Southern Appalachians. "The boater lobby hopes to reverse the agency's authority to manage or zone the very resources they are charged with," said Jenkins. "There is not enough river for everyone to do everything, everywhere and still have a Wild and Scenic River experience that includes solitude", he

concluded.

The administrative comments were filed on behalf of Georgia ForestWatch and Wilderness Watch on a pro-bono basis by Susan Richardson of the Atlanta law firm, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. Alex Bullock of the Kilpatrick firm filed the court papers in Greenville.

*For more information, or to secure copies of the comment letters, contact Jenkins, Gatins or Nickas at the coordinates above.*

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This yearly event is a month-long effort to increase preparedness awareness among families, businesses and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies. Macon County Public Health is participating this year by:

- Offering preparedness materials and handouts during the Macon County Fair at the Macon County Public Health Emergency Response Trailer.

- Supplying local businesses with preparedness packets to help ensure their businesses and employees are emergency ready.
- Providing free materials to assist in putting together the preparedness items you need.

Melissa Leatherman, Macon County Public Health Preparedness Coordinator stressed that one of the key messages is: "Be prepared in the event an emergency causes

you to be self-reliant for 72 hours without utilities and electricity, water service, and access to groceries or local services. Anyone can begin preparing with these three simple steps":

1. Get an emergency supply kit - Keep enough emergency supplies on hand for you and those in your care - water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, flashlight, and battery-powered radio are a few important items. (Be sure and check your kits at least twice a year, just like smoke detectors)

2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency - A plan can help you know the best escape route from your home or business, where to meet if you are separated from family members, important point of contact phone numbers in case of separation and where emergency supplies are kept.

3. Be informed about emergencies that could happen in Macon County, and identify sources of information in Macon County that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency.

David Key, Acting Director with Macon County Emergency Services urges citizens in Macon County to sign up for Code Red. "Code Red is a service provided by Macon County Emergency Services to keep citizens informed in the event of an emer-

gency and can provide you with critical information during an emergency here in the county". You will need to sign up electronically by visiting [www.maconnc.org](http://www.maconnc.org) and filling out the on-line form located under the tab "For Residents". If you have any trouble using this form or do not have internet access you can call the 911 addressing office @ 828-349-2063 for assistance.

Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it takes a whole community. Macon County Public Health and Macon County Emergency Management encourage all individuals, families, and communities to focus on turning awareness into action by following the three steps to being prepared.

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate reminds us, "Individuals and families are the most important members of the nation's emergency management team. Being prepared can save precious time if there is a need to respond to an emergency."

For more information on how to put together your emergency supply kit and emergency plan visit [www.ncready.org](http://www.ncready.org) or call Melissa at Macon County Public Health @ 349-2459 for your free materials.

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Pictured in front of the Macon County Mobile Emergency Response Trailer are some of the county's emergency preparedness and response staff: Emergency Services Personnel - David Key, Travis Waldroop, and Michelle Day, Macon County Public Health Personnel - Jim Bruckner, Melissa Leatherman, Barry Patterson, and Becky Barr.

## Volleyball team comes up just short against Rabun Gap and Blue Ridge

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands Lady Highlander volleyball team traveled to Rabun Gap and Blue Ridge last week and performed much better in competitive games against both schools. On Wednesday, Highlands traveled to Rabun Gap to face the Lady Eagles in what was a very close match right from the start. Rabun Gap won the first set 15-25, but the Lady Highlanders were able to get their feet under them and win the next set 25-15. The two teams each split the next two sets before the fifth and final set was won by the Lady Eagles.

On Thursday, the Lady Highlanders traveled to Cashiers to face the Lady Bobcats of Blue Ridge. The game started slowly again for Highlands, as they were defeated 25-6 in the first set. Highlands came back strong and returned the favor, winning the second set 25-6. The next two sets were hotly contested but both won by Blue Ridge.



Sayne Feria gets the ball over at the Tuesday, Aug. 30 game against Hiwassee Dam.

Photo by Lisa Osteen

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## Ceramics, Painting & Photography Workshops and Special Events at The Bascom In September

So much to see at The Bascom:

- On Thursday, September 8 from 5-7 pm, enjoy **"Stella by Starlight - Stella's Working Space: from protractors and polygons to printmaking and sculpture,"** a reception and talk by Susan Robert.

- Then on Saturday, September 10 from 5 pm until extinguished...join us for the **George Beasley Iron Pour Member/Guest reception** on The Bascom Campus.

- **Ben Owen: Ceramics** exhibition. September 10-December 3. Current works by renowned potter Ben Owen will be on display in the Loft Gallery. Sponsored by Ginger Kennedy and Kevin Naylor.

So much to do at The Bascom:

- **"Drawing Inside and Out," Knight Martorell**, Mondays, September 5-26. 10 am-12 noon or 5:15-7:15 pm. An exploration of techniques and concepts of the basic principles of drawing.

- **"From the Ground Up, 3-Dimensional Paper Forms"**, Jocelyn Chateauvert, September 6-9, 10 am-4 pm. Explore the limitless possibilities of paper as a sculptural medium.

- **"Ceramics Open Studio,"** Frank Vickery, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, Sunday, 12 noon-4 pm. Studio time can be purchased by ceramicists versed in the basics and needing time and space to work.

- **"Watercolor Basics and Beyond,"** Robin Swaby, Wednesdays, September 7-28, 10 am-12 noon. An opportunity to build upon the basic building blocks of painting and color.

- **"Open Studio for Mixed Media"**, Robin Swaby, Wednesdays, September 7-28, 2-4 pm. A place to garner greater skill in your choice of media - acrylics, pastel, watercolor, oils or color pencils.

- **"Photography for Photoshop,"** Greg Newington, Friday, September 9, 2-5 pm and Saturday, September 10 from 9



Jocelyn Chateauvert, whose work is pictured, will teach **"From the Ground Up, 3-Dimensional Paper Forms"** from September 6-9 at The Bascom. For more information or to register for Bascom workshop offerings, visit [www.TheBascom.org](http://www.TheBascom.org) or call 828.526.4949.

am-4 pm. Learn the step-by-step process of using shadow and light in photography and transforming images in Photoshop.

- **"Pottery Made Simple,"** Janis Fisher, Saturday, September 10, 11 am-4 pm. One day lesson in basic handbuilding construction in ceramics.

- **"Capturing the Landscape, Plein Air,"** James Sulkowski, Tuesday-Saturday, September 13-17. Study the landscape with James Sulkowski. This class will combine on-site plein-air painting with indoor studio painting.

- **"Weaving Made Simple,"** Donna Rhodes, Saturday, September 17, 11 am-4 pm. One day lesson. Learn basic tapestry techniques on a portable pin-loom that you can take with you.

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**Daily**  
• CORE classes at Mountain Fitness on Carolina Way. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9:30; Mon., Wed., Thurs., 5:15. \$10 per class or ask about specials. Call 526-9083. (st. 6/9)

**Mon-Fri**  
• The Nantahala Tennis Club meets at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

**Sundays**  
• Hymn-sing service from 7-8 p.m. at the Little Church in the Willwood in Horse Cove.

**Mon., Wed. & Thurs.**  
• On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Upper Level Jones Hall. Mon., and Thurs. at 10:45 a.m.; 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (9/29)

**Mon., Wed., Fri.**  
• Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

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

**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
• Pilates Mat Classes — Mondays and Wednesdays, 4pm, The Jane Woodruff Clinic, Main Floor, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Call 526-5852 for info. (6/23)

**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 High-

## Quilt to be auctioned off at Clear Creek Baptist Church fundraiser Sat. Sept. 10



Shirley Wilson, a native of Highlands, is pictured holding her handmade quilt. It has taken more than 12 years to make. Shirley started making it when her mother was ill and she needed something to occupy her time while she sat in the hospital and doctor's offices. Assisted by her daughter, Angie Houston, in the quilting process the progress was intermittent. Finally in March of '09 the work was done. Now Shirley has decided to donate the quilt to help our church, Clear Creek Baptist, raise funds to complete our fellowship hall. Given the many tedious hours poured into the quilt she asks that it be returned to her if it doesn't sell for at least \$500. Her quilt will be displayed with many other excellent auction items, donated by local merchants, at our fundraiser on Sept. 10th at the Satolah Fire Department. Food will be served starting at 5:30p, music at 7p with auction to follow.

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lands 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.

• See EVENTS page 16



**Stephen Mark Brown**

The "glue" that has held the Bel Canto together for all nineteen years of its existence is Dr. Stephen Dubberly, Associate Professor in the Division of Conducting and Ensembles at the University of North Texas. We here in Highlands are lucky as well because here he also performs a piano solo which he rarely does anywhere else. This year he will be playing Chopin's *Ballade No. 4 in F minor* as part of the Bel Canto program as well as accompanying the two other performers on the program. His expertise in and knowledge of opera is internationally known

He serves as Music Director of UNT Opera and teaches opera conducting and



**Dr. Stephen Dubberly**



**Rachel Cobb**

## Bel Canto - 19 years of top-notch, first-class, inspiring entertainment Sunday, Sept. 11 at PAC

opera repertoire. He made his conducting debut in 1993 in Opera Theatre of Saint Louis' American-premiere production of Judith Weir's *The Black Spider*. Since then, he has conducted for Des Moines Metro Opera, the Knoxville Opera Company, San Antonio Opera, Cartersville Opera, American Bel Canto Opera, the Teatro Accademico in Castelfranco Veneto, Italy, the Teatro Goldoni in Venice, Opera Athens (Georgia), the University of Tennessee, and Webster University. He has also conducted frequently for Amarillo Opera, including productions of *Don Giovanni*, *The Barber of Seville*, *Don Pasquale*, *Rigoletto*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Falstaff*, *I pagliacci*, *La bohème*, the regionally-broadcast production of Gene Murray's *The Wage of Sin*, and *Carmen*.

Dr. Dubberly is Chorus Master and Principal Coach for Fort Worth Opera. His career as an opera coach includes six seasons with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, where he served as Ensemble Coordinator and Principal Coach, Assistant Conductor, and Music Director of various educational

projects. He has been Associate Conductor at Des Moines Metro Opera, Assistant Music Director for Opera Carolina, and co-director of the Knoxville Opera Company's Education and Outreach program. Singers he has partnered in recital include Mary Dunleavy, Mignon Dunn, Kaaren Erickson, Elizabeth Futral, Denyce Graves, Brenda Harris, Weston Hurt, Kristine Jepson, and Jeffrey Wells. Critics have hailed him as "the perfect partner" (Richmond News) and "the ideal accompanist" (New Haven Register).

Dr. Dubberly began his musical training in Montevideo, Uruguay, and received the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from Yale University. He lectures frequently for the Dallas Opera.

A few tickets are still remaining for Sunday's performance at 4PM. The performance is followed by a wonderful dinner at Highlands Country Club. For tickets and more information call 828.526.1947.

## CLE 2011 Season coming to an end

**By Bettie S. Banks**

September is the month for very special offerings. The Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) is presenting three exciting programs this week, beginning with an inside look at Mount Vernon, moving into the world of bees and on to Thai cooking.

Did you know that 25 ladies nationwide are responsible for maintaining, preserving and protecting George Washington's home? The Mount Vernon Ladies Association is a unique organization that was founded in 1853. They purchased the estate in 1858 from the Washington family and opened it to the public in 1960.

Presenter Boyce Ansley, an Atlanta resident, who is well-known for her work in historic preservation, will discuss the work of the Association, which owns and operates this historic home seen by a million visitors each year. Ms. Ansley is a regent on the Association's board.

DATE: Friday, Sept. 9

TIME: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

COST: \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Completing the final weeks of the CLE season are a few more classes. Journaling will be presented by Betty Holt, Wednesday, September 21 from 10a- 4p at The Mountain on the Dillard Road. There are still a few spaces available in this class. Apple computer classes continue as enthusiasts of MAC have kept instructor Nigel Sixsmith very busy. He has presented numerous classes on Apple and the ipad/iphone. There will be additional classes in September and October, however they are full. Finally, in October Jackie Meena will instruct an art class on Creative Painting. This will take place Monday - Wednesday, Oct. 3-5 at the Highlands Civic Center. There are a couple spaces left.

CLE will host its closing party and annual meeting for members on Monday, Sept. 12 from 4-6 at the Performing Arts Center. There will be a brief recap of the season and members can vote on new board members, and then adjourn for a celebratory party. Public is welcome. Please RSVP to the CLE office at 526-8811.

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# Highlands Area Upcoming Events

## ANGELFOOD

The September AngelFood Menu features a new item called The Discount Family Basket (B10) for \$35. This box contains: 4 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters (Cuartos de Pierno de Pollo); 3 lb. Pork Roast (Asado de Cerdo); 3 (1 lb.pkgs.) 80/20 Ground Beef (Carne de Res Molida 80/20); Pinto Beans (Frijoles Pintos); Black Beans (Frijoles Negros); Rice (Arroz); 3-way Vegetable Blend-Carrots, Beans & Corn (Mezcla de Tres Vegetales-Zanahorias, Frijoles y Maíz); and Sliced Carrots (Zanahorias Cortadas). There is a limited supply of this box, so order early!

The Specials for September are the Steak Special (S1) and the Chicken Breast Special (S2). S1 includes 4x12oz. T-Bone Steaks and 4x8 oz. Sirloin Steaks for \$33. (S2) includes 8x4oz. Honey Mustard Flavored Chicken Breasts; 8x4oz. Italian Flavored Chicken Breasts and 2 x 1 lb. Chicken Breast Fajita Strips for \$26. The Premium Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box (S3) includes romaine hearts, baking potatoes, yellow onions, carrots, cabbage, celery, apples, pineapple, cantaloupe, oranges, kiwi fruit and raisins. This popular box is \$24.

The Signature Box (\$35), the Bountiful Blessing Box (\$46), the Golden Cuisine Convenience Meals (\$29) the "Just 4 Me" after school boxes and the new "Shelf Stable Pantry Box" (\$21) are all on the September menu as well. Additional Specials are available when ordered through the AngelFood website. Go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) and click "Order Online." Select Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, zip code 28741. You may pay with your credit or debit card.

AngelFood menus are available at various locations around the Highlands-Cashiers area or stop by the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Reception area to pick up a menu and place an order.

This food program is open to everyone. There are no restrictions and no forms to fill out. To place an order by phone or to use an EBT card please call 526-9191 or 371-2373.

All orders, including online orders, must be placed by Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Distribution is Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30am at the Episcopal Church

### Wednesdays & Fridays

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

### Every 3rd Wednesday

- Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. 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.

- At the Highlands Nature Center, 6-7 p.m. through Labor Day, an exciting new program each week and they are free.

### 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.

### Throughout September

- The Sapphire Valley Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild (ANG) is having an exhibition of needlework at the Hudson Library.

### Through Sept. 15

- At the Book Worm at the Peggy Crosby Center on S. 5th Street, a ½ price book sale. Open Tues.-Sat., 10a-4p.

### Thursday, Sept. 8

- The Macon County Democratic Women's Club is sponsoring a covered-dish supper on Thursday at the Otto Community Bldg. at 5:30. John Snow will be the guest speaker.

- The September meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always

- Join the Junior class at Highlands School on Thursday for a BBQ dinner to raise money for prom. Dinner starts at 4:30 and will be served until 6 pm. Take out service will be available. There will also be a bake sale and a PTO meeting will follow the dinner.

- DANCE at the Franklin (NC) Community Building, Hwy 441 South-across from "Whistle Stop Mall" Thursday from 6:30 to 9 PM. Music by "SWINGTIME BAND." For more information Call 828-369-9155.

### Saturday, Sept. 10

- Highlands Farmer's Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, 8-11 a.m. Homegrown and homemade.

- 2nd Annual Celebration of Books, Highlands Civic Center.

- At Dusty's on NC 106, a free wine and food tasting. For more call 526-2762.

- Clear Creek Baptist Church fundraiser for its Building Fund feature a cake auction, item auction, music and food, 5:30 p.m. at the Satolah Fire Department. Music starts at 7 p.m.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to birding hot spots around Highlands for fall migrants. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:30 a.m. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3-mile easy-to-moderate hike with an elevation change of 500 ft. on the Ranger Falls Trail, a nature interpretive trail with a pristine creek, a beautiful water fall, a settler's home site and ancient apple orchard. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations.

- Relay For Life Highlands Falls PAR 5K on the golf course (3.1 miles) PAR 5K. The Entry Fee for an individual is \$25 for a team of 3 it's \$45. Team of 3 walk or run 1 mile each. Race T-shirts to the first 100 registered racers, a breakfast will be offered to all racers after the race. Spectators may purchase "breakfast tickets" during/after the PAR 5K. Awards will go to overall runners in top 3 male and female in various age groups/ Top 3 teams/Walkers will receive completion awards. Registration is required. Please contact David Linn: [briningit2life@yahoo.com](mailto:briningit2life@yahoo.com)

### Sunday, Sept. 11

- The 19th Bel Canto at the Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 526-1947.

- The USDA Forest Service National Forests in

## Annual Male Chorus performance at PAC Sept. 23



The Highlands Male Chorus will present their fall concert at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Friday evening, Sept. 23 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased by calling the PAC at 526-9047 or purchased at the door. A reception will immediately follow the show. Doors open at 6:30 on the night of the performance. The Chorus will perform several favorites from the '50s including "The Great Pretender," "Rock around the Clock," "Blue Moon," and more. The group is directed by guest conductor Joe Powell and accompanied by Angie Jenkins. Your plans should include this entertaining evening of musical memories! Past mens choral performances have drawn capacity crowds. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance.

## Seagrove potters at Hen House Fri. & Sat., Sept. 16 & 17



Seagrove, NC, potters Paul and Sheila Ray will be at the Hen House on Main Street Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 & 17 from 10a to 5p to sign a new pattern for 2011 - exclusive to the Hen House. Vibrant colors await!

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North Carolina is holding an open house at the Highlands District Ranger's Office from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. to give the public a chance to review the building and two-acre property prior to auction on Sept. 28, 2011. The Forest Service will auction the Highlands District Ranger's Office by sealed bids at the Nantahala Ranger District Office, 90 Sloan Road, Franklin, NC, on Sept. 28, 2011 at 11 a.m. For more information, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc](http://www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc) and click on "Highlands Office Auction" or call District Ranger Mike Wilkins at 828-524-6441.

## Mon., Sept. 12

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a program featuring Simon Thompson, professional birding guide from Asheville. Simon will speak on the birds of Western North Carolina. Light refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the program at 7:30. The location is the Highlands Civic Center.

- Physician Forum with Dr. Richard Matthews presents "Insulin Levels - What Everyone Should Know." 12 noon to 1 pm on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, hospital campus. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn in-depth knowledge concerning insulin levels and how those levels can affect one's mood, energy and overall health. Please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email [info@hchospital.org](mailto:info@hchospital.org).

## Tues., Sept. 13

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to birding hot spots around Highlands led by Simon Thompson, professional birding guide. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:30

a.m. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

- Celebrate 150 Years of Hospitality at 4 1/2 Street Inn (100 years old) and Colonial Pines Inn (50 years old) on Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Join the Innkeepers for a cookout with live music by "Tom Hill & the Midnight Suns." Tour the Inns, dance, and enjoy old-fashioned hospitality. Free. Parking available courtesy of the PAC Center on Chestnut Street. For more information contact Helene & Rick at (828) 526-4464 or Donna & Chris at (828) 526-2060.

- Come and listen to the stories at the Story Swap on Tuesday at 7:30 pm, at the Ugly Dog Pub at 294 S. Fourth St. in Highlands. The theme for September is "Bar or Restaurant Tales." If you have a story to tell or read, sign up at the pub or call 526 - 1935.

## Wed., Sept. 14

- At Highlands Smokehouse, the Corbett Brothers perform at 9 p.m.

## Thurs., Sept. 15

- NAMI Appalachian South presents Dr. Mary Ellen Griffin as its guest speaker at the Community Facilities Building in Franklin at 7 p.m.

- Taize at Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at 5:30 p.m.

- Free wild gingseng production seminar at the Cashiers Library from 10a-2p. Call 526-4009 to register.

## Fri. & Sat., Sept. 16-17

- Macon County Public Health will be giving flu shots at the Macon County Fair on Friday and Saturday

from 9 am to 9 pm (while supplies last). The shots will be available for adults and children at a cost of \$25. Insurance will be filed for BCBS, Medicare, Medicaid, Tri-Care, Crescent, and Medicare replacements, so bring your card. The flu shot station will be located outside in a mobile unit and no appointment is necessary. Please call 349-2081 for more information.

- At the Hen House on Main Street, Ray Pottery signing 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Patron Party for the Dazzling Dahlias! event is Friday, 6:30-8:30 PM at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Franklin, III who will host the party at their historical home, the former home of Dr. Henry Martin Bascom. Tickets are \$50. Guests who attend the party will be able to tour Dr.

Franklin's lovely gardens and grounds and tour the historical portion of their home. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

## Fall's Youth Art Classes at The Bascom

The Bascom's youth programs are an amazing, energizing, valuable art experience and just plain FUN! This fall, children can experience:

- "Tuesday After School Art," Tuesdays, September 13-October 18, 3:15-4:30 pm. After school art for elementary aged students. Lessons include drawing, painting, modeling and collage. Kindergarten through fifth grade. Pre-registration is required. \$30 for a six-week session.

- "Middle School Mixed Media," Thursdays, September 15-October 20, 3:15-5 pm. Each class will study a different artist and various mediums including collage, pastel and 3-dimensional works. Students will then create their own works using different mediums and techniques. Sixth through eighth grade. Pre-registration is required. \$40 for a six-week session.

- "Friends Around the Globe," Saturdays, September 24 and October 29, 1-3 pm. In partnership with the International Friendship Center. Fun, creative, educational activities to build skill through the visual arts. No pre-registration required. Ages 8-14. \$12 per class.

- "Kids Open Studio," Saturdays, October 1 and November 5, 10 am-12 noon. Drop in to Studio A and stretch your imagination. Each class will offer a variety of media to work with. All materials are provided. No pre-registration required. Ages 6-12. \$12 per class.

Scholarship opportunities are available for all classes.

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## Tony Award winner coming to the Highlands Playhouse

Playhouse!inning actor Anthony Crivello is coming to the Highlands Playhouse to direct the smash hit play, *Hear What's In the Heart*. The play, which will run September 30th-October 7th, will be the final production of the Playhouse's 2011 season. *Hear What's In the Heart* will also star Broadway veteran Steve Scionti.

Anthony Crivello received Broadway's Tony Award, Chicago's Jefferson Award, a Caronelle Award and nominations for two Jefferson Awards, two Canadian Dora Mavor Moore Awards, LA's Ovation, Drama Critics, Robbie, Garland Awards, and Friends of New York Theater Award. He has starred on Broadway in *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *Marie Christine*, *Les Miserables*, *Evita*, *The News*, and *Measure for Measure*. He has starred on movies such as *Independence Day* and *Material Girls* and such TV hits as "Seinfeld," "CSI:NY" and "Law and Order" among others.

Steve Scionti is best known for creating and performing the hit play, *Hear What's in the Heart*. Beginning at the

Zephyr Theater in Los Angeles, CA, *Hear What's In The Heart* has played to sold-out performances in Los Angeles, Westchester, and New York City. While in LA, the show garnered two Drama-Logue Critics Awards (for Best Performance and Best Writing) and was chosen for presentation at the prestigious HBO Workshop. *Hear What's in the Heart* was selected to be in the NY Fringe Festival in 2009, where it received outstanding reviews. In addition to his success with *Hear What's in the Heart*, Mr. Scionti, recently completed the lead role of Freddy opposite Ralph Macchio in the critically acclaimed off Broadway play *Magic Hands Freddy* at the Soho Playhouse. He made his Broadway debut as the Announcer in *Legs Diamond*, starring the late Peter Allen. Other theater credits include productions of *A Chorus Line*, *West Side Story*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Tickets for *Hear What's In the Heart* are available through the Box Office at 828-526-2695.

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The quilt pictured above is by Highlands quilter Liz View.

Numerous quilts are on display at the Hudson Library.

# Soccer team rebounds versus Tallulah Falls and East Henderson

**By Ryan Potts**

The Highlands High School soccer team came off of a difficult week from their standards, but if the response was any indication, they are beginning to fire

on all cylinders.

Highlands hosted Tallulah Falls on Tuesday and were able to secure a dominant 6-0 victory over the visiting Indians. Senior Captain Isaac Beavers said that it was

“the best game we have played this year, we varied our attack and passed the ball well.” Dax Lloyd scored two goals for the Highlanders, and Bryon Neumann, Tyler Converse, Ryan Vinson and Clay-

ton Creighton each added goals.

Thursday, the Highlanders traveled to East Henderson in what would prove to be their toughest challenge thus far. The Eagles are a 3A school from Henderson county and figured to be the best public school team that Highlands will face in the regular season. Thursday also marked the return of Senior Andrew Renfro to the lineup, as Renfro had been out with a broken wrist suffered during the summer. Highlands was again able to score early as Dax Lloyd again broke away on a through ball to put the Highlanders up 1-0. East Henderson equal-

ized and then Isaac Beavers put the Highlanders ahead again 2-1. Late in the second half with the Highlanders leading 2-1, an East Henderson player got behind the defense and was able to score.

The Highlanders sideline was looking for an offside flag from the linesman that never came and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. “We played really hard but got a little tired towards the end,” said Renfro, “they passed it well on us and we probably need to work on that kind of passing ourselves. That last goal was tough to give up, but we played a good team today and a tie will have to do.”

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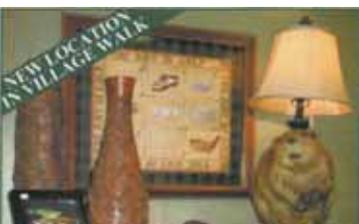
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# • POLICE & FIRE WEEKLY LOG •

Highlands PD log entries from Aug. 23. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

### Aug. 23

- At 8:45 a.m., golf clubs were reported stolen from the trunk of a car at Highlands Country Club.
- At 9:54 p.m., Joshua Taylor Hughes, 24, of Brevard, NC, was arrested for failing to appear in court in Buncombe County.
- At 10:11 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 28 at Cherokee Drive.

### Aug. 24

- At 10 p.m., officers responded to a call of Cyprus outdoor furniture stolen from a residence on Cullasaja Drive worth \$500.

### Aug.: 25

- At 11:04 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Brushy

Face and NC 28.

### Aug. 26

- At 10:20 a.m., officers assisted with a medical call at a residence on Pinecrest.

- At 8:45 p.m., Juan Rigoberto Martinez-Luna, 23, of Highlands, was arrested for driving without a license when stopped for reckless driving on Pine Lane.

- At 9:35 p.m., officers assisted another agency with an unresponsive person at a residence on Pipers Court.

### Aug. 27

- At 2 p.m., officers assisted the driver of an 18-wheeler when they kept

him from driving down the Gorge Road.

- At 11:45 p.m., Josimar Mendoza Lopez, of Highlands was arrested for driving without a license when he was stopped for driving without a headlight on US 64 west.

### Aug. 28

- At 8:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of a larceny from a vehicle parked on Main Street. About \$2,800 worth of electronic equipment – radio, stereo, computer, TV and VCR was reported stolen.

- At 6:30 a.m., officers on patrol found an open door at the old Highlands Pharmacy building on Main Street.

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# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

## Relay of Life Chat

We are very proud of our Relay event this year! Our committee and team members worked hard to make sure not only that funds were made for work done by the American Cancer Society but also by signing up to support The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc.

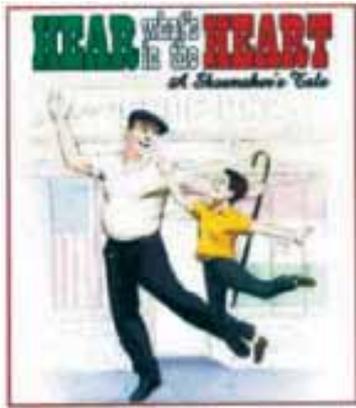
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Our committee, especially myself, (the marketing chair) would like to say a big thank you to the following: The Highlander, who also donated a portion of new & renewal subscription during the month of July! Eric NeSmith, Publisher & Editor, Managing Editor, Melody Spurney, Laurel Magazine, Janet Cummings, Managing Partner, Marjorie Fielding, Managing Partner; Highlands' Newspaper, Editor & Publisher Kim and Jim Lewicki, WHLC - Highlands Very Own Radio Station 104.5 FM, Northland Cable, Macon County News, and Smoky Mountain News.

Getting the news out to the community is key for Relay. I hope our community enjoyed this years events and will continue to "CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, & FIGHT BACK." Cancer never sleeps and Relay for Life of Highlands is already preparing for next year's event. Please say thank you and support our community businesses.

## Hear What's in the Heart On Stage at the Highlands Playhouse Sept. 30-Oct. 9



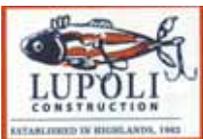
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The most notable rule of engagement is the insistence that anything in the park be open to all citizens at all times – furthermore a fee couldn't be charged or a ticket sold to enter the park or participate in the event at the park. This is why the semi-annual Village Square Art & Craft Show is allowed, why the car shows are allowed, why the pooch parade and Farmer's Market are allowed.

Except for two or three times since its inception – basically when the Chamber of Commerce held the opening night of its Culinary Festival at the park for which a ticket was required, the town has held fast to that rule. The opening of the annual Culinary Weekend event has since moved elsewhere.

Though art and craft fairs are held in most towns across the nation particularly over holiday weekends like Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day, the practice consistently draws fire in Highlands.

"Merchants who maintain full-time employees and pay benefits (and pay taxes and leases) are forced to compete with vendors who show up during peak times only having to pay about \$150 each for a booth," say some merchants who requested anonymity.

Cynthia Strain, founder of the Village Square Art & Craft show says the idea that the fair takes business away from Main Street merchants isn't reasonable. In fact, she claims the opposite – the fair brings people to town who continue shopping on Main Street, eating in restaurants and spending the night in lodging establishments.

"I talked to a lot of vendors and shoppers about this over the weekend and they all thought it was ridiculous that anyone would be against craft fairs in the park. They know the fair brings people to town, and that they shop and eat at local businesses, stay in hotels, and will return in the future. They all said the fair adds to the charm and attractiveness of the town as a destination," she said.

In fact, Strain circulated a questionnaire during the two-day event to gauge the impact of the art and craft show on the community of Highlands and one vendor asked five of her patrons to fill it out at her booth.

The questions were: 1. Do you have a place in the Highlands area or are you in town for the day/weekend; 2. If not local, where are you from; 3. Did you come to Highlands because of the art and craft show; 4. How many people are with you; 5. Will you be eating in any of the area restaurants while in Highlands, staying in a hotel/B&B; and 6. Do you plan on walking down Main Street, checking out The Bascom, doing any shopping while in town before or after walking through the show?

Of the 36 people who filled out the questionnaire all but one said "yes" to the last two questions – Will you be eating in any of the area restaurants ... and do you plan on walking down Main Street, checking out the Bascom, shopping before or after the show.

The number of people with each person who filled out the questionnaire ranged from 2 to 5.

In fact, many took the time to add comments.

"What a great show. Fun to see so many options in the town. Visited The Bascom yesterday, always walk on Main Street. Thanks Highlands for doing these events!"

"I like art shows," commented another. "Lots of shopping after the show," said another. "I love this show!" "Eating every meal in town!" "Shopping in town this afternoon."

"I live in Franklin but I love to visit Highlands, stroll through craft shows, eat lunch and stroll through shops."

And perhaps the most telling comment of all – "I did so much shopping on Main Street I am out of checks! Had to pay cash at the art show. Wish the art show was more than twice a year. Great fun!"

Director of the Chamber of Commerce Bob Kielytyka said the Chamber doesn't have a position on the uses of the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park because it is a public facility under the prevue of the town and county and it is their job to set the regulations as to its use.

"I certainly hope we continue to have room for both events in the park and downtown commerce," he said.

Kielytyka said throughout the season there have been lots of people in Highlands. "There certainly isn't a shortage of people coming to town. In fact, we are one of the more fortunate towns in Western North Carolina who consistently have crowds of people coming to the community."

Kielytyka said a lack of sales at some shops is indicative of something other than a lack of buyers.

"We are getting the people, and this weekend further showed that. There is good foot traffic on Main Street and the occupancy tax is up so that means people are spending the night. It may be true that people aren't spending as freely as they have in years past, but that's an economy problem not a Highlands problem."

He said it's a mixed economic picture in Highlands. There are merchants who say 2011 is there best year ever, some who say they are pleased to be doing as well as they are due to the economy, but there will always be shop owners who don't do as well as others, he said.

#### How parking plays into the scenario.

Adding to the claim that craft fairs steal business, some merchants also say a lack of parking on Main Street is a problem. They may have a legitimate gripe, but it's a situation they are partly responsible for making.

In June 2008, two-hour parking was eliminated on Main Street at the urging of Main Street merchants, the Chamber of Commerce and the police department.

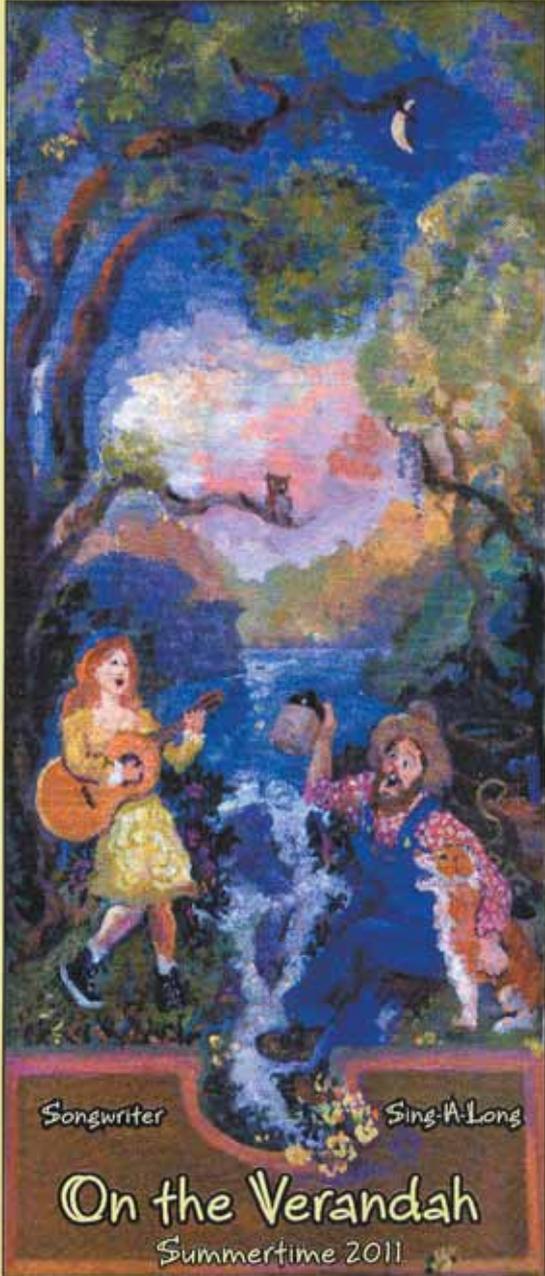
Merchants said having timed parking made people run out of their stores in fear of getting a ticket if the two-hour limit was up. Police Chief Bill Harrell said enforcing the parking restriction without a meter was extremely difficult especially when employees parking on Main Street were added to the mix.

So, in June 2008, employees were restricted from parking anywhere on Main Street (previously they could park in the middle isle), Realtors were allowed only two spots curbside and other than that people can park on Main Street all day if they want.

Now some merchants say because there isn't a time limit for parking on Main Street, visitors can park in the same spot all day which means potential buyers can't get to their stores to shop.

"It's a no-win situation," said Kielytyka. "The chamber's position on the parking on Main Street is based on the question 'Who is the parking for?' Downtown parking is primarily for visitors and residents, not for the businesses, so the simple solution was to eliminate the timed parking. When people come to the community, they walk around, spend money to go to restaurants and shop and if

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- At 3:30 p.m., a missing parrot was found.
- At 3:40 p.m. officers assisted a motorist with a flat tire in the Flipside parking lot.
- At 7:38 p.m., officers responded to a call of a 12-year-old shooting a BB gun in his yard on Cullasaja Drive.

### Aug. 31

- Officers responded to two 9-1-1 hangups from Mountain High Lodge -- one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 10 a.m. but both times nothing was found.
- At 5:02 p.m., a resident on N. 5th Street reported

hearing screaming in the woods which was identified as coyotes howling.

• At 9:30 p.m., Highlands Police participated in a "Hands Across the Borders" check point on NC 441 in Franklin with numerous law enforcement agencies from SC, GA and NC, where Highlands canine Ruby alerted to 64.4 grams of cocaine and 30 grams of marijuana in a vehicle.

### Sept. 1

• At 10:45 p.m., Jason Scott Sanford, 23, of Franklin, was pulled over for displaying a fictitious license plate on

S. 3rd Street. It was on the white Pontiac he was driving, for which he didn't have a registration, but it was registered to a 1973 C10 pickup. He was arrested for displaying a fictitious license plate and for having 1/2 oz of marijuana in his possession.

• During the week, police officers issued 17 citations and responded to 7 alarm activation.

### Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from August 24

#### Aug. 24

• At 3:15 p.m., the dept. was first-responders for a medical call on Main Street. There was no transport to the hospital.

• At 4:36 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail for a medical call. The victim was taken to the hospital

#### Aug. 25

• At 10:58 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Scaly FD concerning a possible structure fire on Tall Pines Road. The call was cancelled en route.

• At 10:40 p.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle wreck following a police chase on NC 28 south. The dept. cleaned up an oil spill.

• At 10:46 p.m., the dept. was first-responders with a medical call at a residence on Sassy Lane. The victim was taken to the hospital.

#### Aug. 26

• At 10:25 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Pine Crest for a medical call. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• At 1:06 p.m., the dept. was called about a motorcycle accident on NC 28 south, but it was out of district.

• At 9:31 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Pipers Court to assist with a medical call. There was no transport.

• At 9:22 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road to assist with a medical call. There was no transport.

### Aug. 27

• At 8:12 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on the Franklin Road to assist with a medical call. There was no transport.

• At 3:27 p.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle accident with injuries on the Dillard Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

### Aug. 28

• At 4:42 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers FD with a structure fire on Hetelkel Path.

### Aug. 31

• At 4:57 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm set off by bad batteries at a residence on Eastover Drive.

### Sept. 1

• At 9:38 p.m., two, small, unattended fires on Lower Carriage Hill Drive were investigated and put out with a garden hose.

### Sept. 2

• At 3:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a carbon monoxide alarm set off by mistake at a residence on Chowan.

### Sept. 3

• At 6:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on River View Court.

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# • HEALTH MATTERS •

## Who has time to exercise?

By **Garrett Tandy**

Research shows us that the number one reported reason for physical inactivity among adults is the lack of time to exercise. Most adults are conflicted with working and raising families either in single-parent homes or homes in which both parents work. Many adults spend their days commuting to work and dragging their children across town to school and extracurricular activities. By the end of the day, most people just do not have time to exercise, supposedly...

I have two arguments with research regarding this issue and it stems from the fact that the research is based on the individual's perception of their time.

My first argument is that we all only have 24 hours in a day and most people have numerous activities that fill their day. Yet there are numerous people who get the recommended amount of exercise each week. There are CEOs of major companies who work long hours, raise families and still manage to squeeze in sufficient amounts of exercise. I see super moms and super dads all the time who run a small business, work at a school, or work for private companies who find a way to make time for exercise. So, why can't everyone find time to exercise?

My second argument against adults who claim they don't have time to exercise is that they still find time to watch television or get on Facebook. I am guilty of this, I spend way too much time watching television and on the computer and I always complain about not having enough time. I would be willing to bet that if people turned off the TV and computer at home and spent that time exercising they would exceed the recommendations for physical activity suggested by health organizations. It's not that people do not have the time to exercise, it's that they choose not to spend their time being physically active.

For those who still feel like they do not have enough time to exercise, here is some good news....It does not take

that much time being physically active to gain major health benefits.

The CDC suggests 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity and two days of total body resistance training each week. That breaks down to 30 minutes a day if your workouts are efficient. If you feel like you do not have 30 minutes a day, workout harder! If you participate in activities that are intense enough to make it difficult to carry on a conversation you can cut the 150 minutes of aerobic activity to 75 minutes, which is only 15 minutes a day.

I think we can all find 15 minutes a day to help prevent things like heart disease and cancer so we can stay around a little longer for our friends and family; or is there not enough time in your day?

• Garrett Tandy has joined our Health Matters columnists and will be submitting articles once a month. He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Personal Trainer at Highlands Country Club. A native of Hatteras Island, NC, Garrett earned a B.A. in physical education from UNC Wilmington in 2005 and a M.A.Ed. in physical education from Western Carolina University in 2009. Garrett has been an AFAA personal trainer since 2005 and recently became a certified golf fitness instructor through the Titleist Performance Institute. If you have any fitness or golf fitness questions, please contact Garrett at [Hatterasboy1@yahoo.com](mailto:Hatterasboy1@yahoo.com)

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## • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

### MC Commissioner Ronnie Beale elected NCACC Second Vice President

Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale was elected Second Vice President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) on Saturday, Aug. 20, during the Association's 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which was held in Cabarrus County.

Superior Court Judge Jim Ammons

performed the inauguration ceremony for Commissioner Beale and the other elected county commissioners who will serve as NCACC officers in 2011-12.

As NCACC Second Vice President, Beale will work closely with the other members of the NCACC Executive Committee to guide the NCACC Board of Direc-

tors on legislative and administrative issues affecting counties throughout the year.

Beale is in his second term as member of the Macon County Board of Commissioners. As chair of the NCACC Health and Human Services Steering Committee, he

served as a member of the NCACC Board of Directors in 2010-11. Beale has also served as a member of the NCACC Legislative Goals Committee (2010-11) and the Public Education Steering Committee (2008-09).

### Proceeds from Rotary bingo benefit Highlands Historical Society

Grand finale bingo winners, Sandy Trevathan and Katie Eleazer are pictured with Highlands Historical Society president, Wiley Sloan. Also pictured are Bob Trevathan, Timmy Bronaugh, Sarah Futral and Anna Stiehler.

Proceeds for the September 1st Rotary Club of Highlands Bingo benefited the Highlands Historical Society. Next bingo night is October 6th, when Highlands Rotary will partner with the Cub Scouts.



### ... CRAFT FAIR continued from page 21

they want to park all day on Main Street, why not?"

So, as it turns out, the town is damned if it does and damned if it doesn't when it comes to parking solutions. Though there may not have been parking spots on Main Street Saturday, between 3-3:30 p.m. there were plenty of open spots on Oak and Spring streets.

But many merchants believe if people can't park in front of their stores, or at least on the street their store occupies, they won't come in to shop.

Others say if visitors park on Main Street, they have to walk the street to get back to their cars so they can shop if they want to.

Meanwhile for years, art and craft fairs are big business over holiday weekends, in the nearby towns of Brevard and Hendersonville.

Brevard closes down long portions of US 64 to vehicles over the weekend. People trying to drive through Brevard to go somewhere else must take convoluted de-

tours back to US 64. But that hasn't stopped Brevard from opening its town to art and craft fairs.

In Hendersonville, blocks and blocks of its Main Street are closed to vehicular traffic to accommodate hundreds of booths for two and three days at a time.

Sherry Adams with the Small Town Main Street program, of which Highlands is a participant, says there are lots of reasons why some merchants make money and others don't. She said the rents on Main Street in Highlands are too high, but can't say how to fix that except for merchants to negotiate with their landlords. She said merchants must know how to run their businesses efficiently and suggests a "tutoring program" where older, successful business owners help fledgling businesses. She stresses the need to know your market - what people want to buy and how much they are willing to spend for it. And finally, to market and advertise your business properly.

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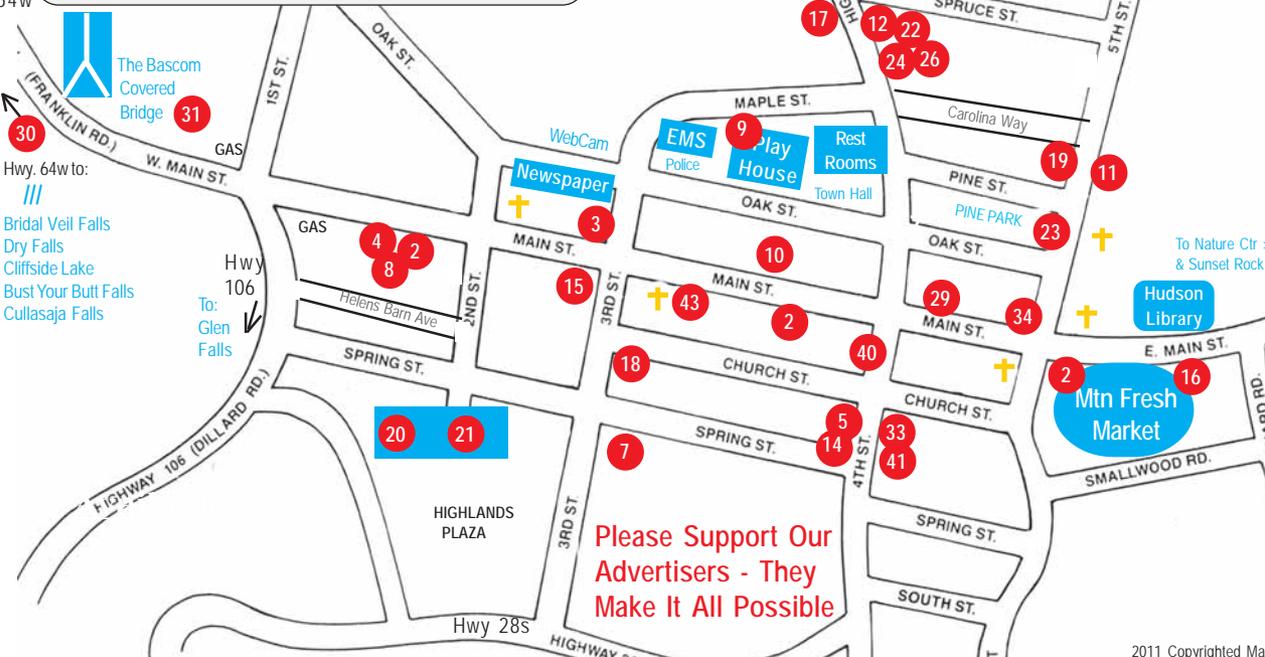
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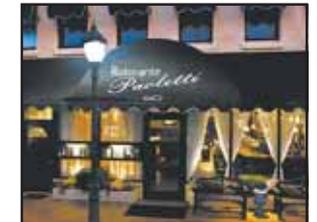
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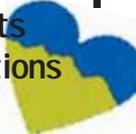
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