Town has no plans to develop K-H Park

Kelsey-Hutchinson Park was one of the subjects discussed passionately at the Thursday, June 19, Town Board meeting, but it wasn’t just about its uses.

Lila Howland, a member of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust which was instrumental in acquiring the park, said the Land Trust has no problem with craft shows, but does have a problem with the town not moving forward on developing the park.

“What does the town have in mind?” she asked.

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In other news, the board

Work begins on ‘CP Plan’

At the June 25 Planning Board meeting, members began discussing a Comprehensive Plan for Highlands — which is a step up from the Land Use Plan on the books which was completed a decade ago.

A comprehensive plan is a back drop to a town’s to-do list,” said Town Planner David Clabo.

“It describes a vision for the long term future of a town considering regional context and current growth trends and is a guide for decision makers on a wide range of issues including capital investment decisions.”

Like the two Land Use Plans the town adopted over the past 20 years, the Comprehensive Plan requires substantial citizen input — both through surveys and comments.

Fred Watkins, chairman of the Planning Board, said the board will continue its discussions at its next meeting.

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In other news, the board
Main Street: the only street in town

Dear Editor,

The Town Board must be commemorated upon their effort to make Highlands as dull and bland as any other mountain town. After all why should Highlands hold an event that would make a visitor remember something unique about the town like an outdoor art show, an antique show, a plant sale, or a farmers market. It would be best if all visitors would stroll up and down Main Street and purchase $12 sandwiches for their children. They can go home and remember that Highlands has a Main Street and can’t wait to get back to go up and down Main Street again.

Let’s keep everything on Main Street. I do hope that the nurseries are protesting the plant sale that takes sales away from them. Definitely do not have an antique show that would bring visitors into town to stay in hotels and eat in the restaurants. What is the farmers market doing to the local groceries? An outdoor art show is really the biggest problem. It creates parking problems for two days that requires a rocket scientist to come up with a solution – oh my how do we deal with that in addition to breaking Main Street merchants. I love it when everyone is on Main Street where there is never a parking problem.

Mark Herstik
Highlands

Trump would be proud of Meadows

Dear Editor,

Let me be the first to congratulate our very own Mark Meadows, who while in a runoff for the GOP 11th Congressional District, said that if Republicans are successful, this fall, they "we will send him (our President) back to Kenya or wherever it is." Donald Trump would be proud.

Mark Herstik
Highlands

A citizens coffee hour

Dear Editor,

After reading about the confrontation at the last Town Board meeting between the mayor, the manager and several citizens, I suspect tensions are high in “High Shangri-La.” There may be a growing perception among citizens that elected representatives are not attentive to their views concerning town issues. On the other hand, the mayor and board are required to have rules of order and substantial agendas in place that may limit spontaneous citizen input and reaction at Town Board meetings.

With the Town Board only meeting once a month, further distancing between the commissioners and the citizenry may continue. There are even rumors that certain elected officials have regular morning coffee sessions behind the secure walls of Town Hall.

I humbly request that the Mayor Wilkes take a proactive step to improve access and communication between the board and town residents. Why not have a public coffee hour at Town Hall? There’s a renovated Town Hall has a wonderful meeting room and garden area. Let’s have an open to the public coffee hour, say once a month. It could be on a Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 am, or any weekday.

The mayor along with the town manager could attend. Town commissioners could also attend if they so desired. Citizens could ask questions, state opinions, and communicate with town officials. The coffee hour would not be a meeting. No agenda or votes would be involved. And, elected officials and town employees would of course have the option to decline or limit comments concerning any sensitive issue that may come up for a formal vote.

A “Citizens Coffee Hour” may just be a wonderful way for this little local republic to strengthen the grassroots of town government. Let’s give it, or something like, it a try.

Patrick Taylor
Highlands

Lake Sequoyah not the ‘best’ water

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the recent articles about Big Creek and the town’s intake valve.

To date, I have not read the new Environmental Assessment on a new raw water intake on Lake Sequoyah conducted by McGill & Associates of Asheville. Neither did I attend the meeting referenced in the article. But I do want to be sure the community knows a little more about this issue.

I understand the reason why residents who live within the Big Creek Watershed want to restore their mountain stream and high quality watershed back into the healthy stream system it was; before the Randal Lake’s Dam failed and hurricanes Frances and Ivan struck the community.

These events caused excess amounts of sediment to be deposited into this stream. This excess silt has led to build up in Big Creek which is problematic for the current primary water intake for the Town of Highlands. Due to the fact that the “turbidity of raw water has increased and is causing serious drinking water quality issues at the water plant and within the water distribution system; the Town understands the importance of agreeing on a solution and working towards securing funds to implement a long-term fix.

Folks are discussing the engineering and costs associated with this new water intake which will be the primary source of drinking water for the Town of Highlands, including the drinking water for 2,271 residential and commercial property owners. However, the article doesn’t mention anything about the best option when it comes to the highest quality source of drinking water.

The Upper Cullasaja watershed can be divided into four sub-watersheds associated with the four main tributaries of the Highlands Plateau: Big Creek, Mill Creek, Munger Creek and the Cullasaja River, which flow from their headwaters into Lake Sequoyah. The Cullasaja River and Mill Creek flow into Mirror Lake which then...
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Discharges into Lake Sequoyah, whereas Big Creek and Munger Creek flow directly into Lake Sequoyah at opposite ends of the lake.

Big Creek is rated as having good water quality by the State of North Carolina; however, it was negatively impacted by the hurricanes and dam breach listed above. Many tributaries of Big Creek flow through the Nantahala National Forest and low-density residential areas. Big Creek is the least developed of the four sub-watersheds flowing into Lake Sequoyah.

Mill Creek is rated as having fair water quality and is on the North Carolina 303(d) List of impaired streams. Monger Creek is also considered to have similar problems as Mill Creek. Mill Creek and Monger Creek capture all the storm water runoff from the downtown area.

Has anybody brought up the fact that the water quality in Lake Sequoyah is not as high as the quality of water that is in Big Creek. If the Town of Highlands proceeds with the new intake on Lake Sequoyah they are not offering the highest quality option available to the community. This lake collects all the runoff from the downtown area and the lawns upstream.

Do you know how many toxic chemicals wash off our roads and roofs and into our streams? Not to mention the herbicides and pesticides that wash off our lawns. Can the water treatment plant filter out all these chemicals?

Turbidity can create a problem for water plants and water distribution systems—but cleaning up and protecting Big Creek, the Town’s current primary water supply—is a much healthier choice for the residents of Highlands, North Carolina.

If the Town along with all the property owners work together to restore Big Creek to its greater glory with the help of state and federal agencies—the Town can solve the current water quality problems. Once this is underway the Town should work with other landowners to protect and preserve the remaining 3 sub-watersheds that make up the headwaters of the Cullasaja River.

Unfortunately past events make it necessary to dredge Big Creek to remove the excess silt that has clogged the stream and damaged the ecosystem. Dredging alone will not be enough—all landowners in this watershed must be part of the solution. Protecting the waterways by planting woody vegetation along the streams, installing best management practices throughout the watershed and inspecting and retrofitting existing dams will help preserve and protect Big Creek.

The dam at Lake Sequoyah may be in need of repairs but Lake Sequoyah is not the highest quality source of water for the Town of Highlands. Maybe the Town employees

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"Oh, pretty good, how 'bout you?" he responded. "Don't ask," I shot back.
After a pause, I said, "Ya know, when I was young, I used to pee all day long. Now it takes me all day to pee." We both chuckled and after another brief pause, Dr. Bill said, "When I was young, I could pee over the fence....now I'm lucky to get it over the ends of my shoes." We chuckled again and zipped up. I think the good doctor has a few years on me and so it was fun to exchange some geezer jokes about peeing....it's a guy thing.

Washing our hands, Dr. Bill continued, "Since I've gotten to know you better, I've decided you are a blessed man and must have one hell of a strong Guardian Angel watching over you."

Not wanting to admit I didn't believe in such things, I agreed and changed the subject. Early the next morning while sipping coffee from my favorite chair, I thought about Guardian Angels and what Doctor Geary had said. Was it just luck or fate that I have escaped so many deadly and dangerous encounters in life or was an angel actually watching out for me? Did God realize I was too stupid to stay alive on my own and would never make it through life for the amount of time God wanted me here? Did he send an angel with instructions to keep me alive?

Then, being a practical man, I dismissed the thought. Then, while sipping my second cup, I remembered a time long ago when I had reached a serious crossroads in my life and was unable to know what to do. A decision was so unclear so, as usual, I resorted to prayer, not ever thinking I might have an angel watching out for me. I prayed hard for a solution, reminding God I'm sometimes not the sharpest tool in the shed and asked Him to hit me hard up side of my head with his answer.

But was it my Guardian Angel or God?

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The 2012 Olympic games will be held later this month. Ho, hum. There just seem to be much interest anymore. Years ago, we followed the games, and the deals counted closely. The games have become irrelevant, the biggest event in the Beijing games were the opening ceremonies. It may be simply that we no longer care who can run faster, jump higher, or lift more. The world is changing, and with it, our tastes.

Winter X Games are far more popular than Winter Olympics. Shaun White is the only winter athlete who quickly comes to mind. Maybe a Mary Lou Retton, Bruce Jenner, or Jesse Owens could restore enthusiasm for the competition, although it is unlikely Owens’ feats would have been as memorable had he not single handedly destroyed the myth of the master race. I think what is lacking is an arch enemy. We miss the Soviet Union and its Communist cronies. We need the villainous East Germans and the unbeatable Romanian gymnasts.

We tried to cast the Chinese in the role, accusing them of steroid use in the wake of their rapid ascent to dominance in women’s swimming. After their girls bested our girls in gymnastics, we claimed that they used underage girls. That argument never made much sense. There are age limits in the Games, but the crime is usually sneaking an overage pitcher in Little League rather than entering underage girls in Olympic. It’s frightening to imagine how skilled they might have been had they waited until they were 16 to compete. Somehow the Chinese just didn’t pan out in the role of arch enemy, despite...

Are the Olympics still exciting?

Dr. Henry Salzarulo
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At the July 23 Planning Board meeting, the board will look at surveys used when the first and second Land Use Plans were initiated and could either pare them down or expand them. There will be at least two - a commercial and residential survey.

“The Town has a history of progressive planning, but has yet to bind together all the adopted policies and visions into a single plan,” said Clabo. “A Comprehensive Plan will have all the information in one place which can be used as an education tool, as well as a resource backdrop for ordinances.

Since the development of a Comprehensive Plan involves significant data collection and analysis, numerous opportunities for public feedback, and integrated policy recommendations it’s likely to take 12 to 18 months to complete.

Planning Board members are Thomas Craig, Linda Clark, Patrick Leonard, Alan Marsh and new to the board, Glenda Bell and Mandy Neumann. One more member is needed to complete the board.

The next Planning Board meeting is Monday, July 23.

– Kim Lewicki

... LETTERS from 2

who plan to install the fiber optics can also take an active role in the necessary dredging throughout Big Creek Watershed to help minimize costs as the town works to restore its water supply watershed.

I do hope the Town of Highlands considers the water quality not just the water quantity and the cheapest option. If you are a local resident, seasonal resident, tourist or visitor—please take a few minutes and contact the Town of Highlands’ Manager and elected officials to urge them to invest in the highest quality water supply for the Town of Highlands. They can be reached at Town Hall, online or at 828-526-2118.

The Town of Highlands is unlike most—it is “above it all”—it has control over the headwaters and it has the power to offer Highland residents, second homeowners and tourists, a high quality water supply that many communities wished they had access to. Please act today—get involved and let the people with the power hear from you about this important issue, before it is too late.

They need to hear from all residents not just Big Creek and Lake Sequoyah residents. Tell them you want the highest quality water available to the Town of Highlands residents and that they should restore Big Creek and keep it as the primary water supply.

Michelle Price
Highlands
Hoisting the Colours

One of the questions that I am asked fairly often (although not as often as “just how tall are you?” and “when are you going to get a new picture in the paper?”) is how I managed to come to my various sports allegiances. Since it is baseball season, my facebook page is littered with updates for my beloved Pittsburgh Pirates, and people wonder the reason why in the heck I became a Pittsburgh Pirate fan. Today, I answer the question of the day I first hoisted Pirate colours and why, after 19 straight losing seasons, I am a Pirate fan through and through.

The year was 1991 and I had become good friends with a student who had moved here a few years earlier. Her family had connections to Pittsburgh and it just so happened that the Pirates were playing the Atlanta Braves in the National League Championship Series. When the teacher asked who was cheering for the Braves, almost every student in the room raised their hand. However, being the chivalrous (and contrarian) young man that I was, I raised my hand when asked who would be cheering for the Pirates, and so I began my journey as a Pirate fan.

That first NLCS was not kind to me, as the Pirates lost in 7 games in what was a classic series. I didn’t love baseball at that point, and therefore I was only slightly disappointed when the Bucs dropped the series. Game 7 was anti-climactic for me as Brian Hunter hit a Homerun in the first inning and my 11 year old self went to bed in disgust. Despite this, by the time the 1992 NLCS rolled around, I was really into Pittsburgh baseball. I watched a special on This Week in Baseball about Doug Drabek’s curveball and taught myself how to throw it. The Pirate outfield was spectacular with Andy Van Slyke and a young Barry Bonds, and a young guy by the name of Tim Wakefield had revitalized the pitching staff with his knuckleball. I even liked erstwhile closer Stan Belinda…that is until October came around.

Despite falling behind 3-1 in the series against Atlanta, I kept the faith and was rewarded as the Bucs forced a game 7 behind a stellar performance from Wakefield in game 6. As I think back to sitting on the couch (ok, I lied, it was the floor—which is where I always sit when the games get serious) and watching game 7, all I really remember was Drabek pitching a phenomenal game and Pittsburgh scratching out a couple of runs to lead 2-0. My parents forced me to go to bed after the 7th inning, with Pittsburgh leading 2-0…which was probably the worst possible thing that could have happened.

As I awoke the next morning for school, I asked my dad what happened and he told me I would just have to watch Sportscenter to find out. The last time that I asked him something like that was when Duke beat Indiana in the NCAA Tournament semis and he wanted me to see the highlights for myself. Therefore, I was super excited to turn on ESPN and see how the Bucs were going to the World Series. Instead, I saw one of the worst things in my life as the Braves had rallied in one of the most dramatic comebacks in sports history. It was the first time in my life that sports had ever hurt…I remember being in a daze all day because I couldn’t believe it had happened. I still hate Francisco Cabrera and Sid Bream to this very day. A few years ago, I rewatched the game on ESPN Classic and felt the pain all over again, this time with all the “what-ifs” that I’m sure Bucs fans were going through in 1992. (What if the home plate ump hadn’t collapsed and been replaced by Randy Marsh…who has a strike zone roughly the size of my thumbnail? What if Chico Lind hadn’t booted that ground ball in the 9th? Etc. Etc.) Anyway, one of the reasons I am writing this is because by the time you read this I will have completed a pilgrimage to PNC Park in Pittsburgh to watch my beloved Buccos and their re-surgent young team. I am hoping that this is the year that they break the horrible streak that began almost 20 years ago, but even if it takes another 20 years I will still be there to raise the jolly roger when they do.
If you are one of us news wonk types, Thursday the 28th was your Fourth of July, New Year's Eve and the Superbowl wrapped into one. Perhaps the most important issue of the day was the Supreme's announcement that most of Obamacare was Constitutional. The results came as a great surprise to most pundits and everyone else as Chief Justice John Roberts sided with the libs to make it 5-4 in favor. What would have caused an alleged conservative George Bush appointee to go over to the other side?

There are opinions flying around as to which side really won, and what did they win? We'll get to that, but first, some interesting theories came out of the woodwork. First, Michael Savage on his radio program following the decision:

"I'm going to tell you something that you are not going to hear anywhere else, something you must pay attention to. It is well known that Roberts, unfortunately for him, has suffered from epileptic seizures. Therefore, he has been on medication. Neurologists will tell you that medication used for seizure disorders, such as epilepsy, can introduce mental slowing, forgetfulness and other cognitive problems. And if you look at Robert's writings you can see the cognitive dissociation in what he is saying."

Are Savage's observations valid? The following is excerpted from a New York Times story that appeared in an August 1, 2007 article: “Despite his quick recovery from the seizure he suffered on Monday, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. faces a complex diagnosis and a difficult decision. Because the seizure was his second — he had a similar one in 1993 — he meets the criteria for epilepsy, and he and his doctors will have to decide whether he should take medication to prevent further seizures, said neurologists.

But the drugs can have troubling side effects, including drowsiness or insomnia, mental slowing and forgetfulness. Many patients can be treated with minimal side effects doctors say, but it may take trial and error to find the right drug."

So evidently Savage may have some validity in his conclusions.

Getting back to winners and losers, The Washington Times has an article that pretty well sums up my views: "Traitor! Turncoat! Benedict Arnold! Those contemptuous epithets and more were hurled by Republicans and conservatives at Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. moments after he singlehandedly saved Obamacare, joining liberals on the bench to break a 4-4 tie."


In voting to uphold Mr. Obama's di-
The 11th Congressional District Democratic Party announced today that all four women on the Council of State and the Party’s candidate for Lt. Governor will be coming to western North Carolina on Saturday, August 11 for two major rallies.

The McDowell County Courthouse in Marion will be the first stop on these candidates’ swing through the mountains with festivities beginning at 10:30am. In the afternoon they will travel to Sylva where rally activities start at 3:30pm in the Community Room of the historic Jackson County Courthouse.

Each candidate – Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State; Beth Wood, State Auditor; Janet Cowell, State Treasurer; June Atkinson, State Superintendent; and, Lt. Governor candidate, Linda Coleman have all expressed excitement about coming westward and sharing their vision for North Carolina’s future.

After first serving in the state senate, in 1996 Secretary of State Elaine Marshall became the first woman ever elected to a statewide executive branch office. As part of her duties, Marshall oversees state securities and investments and is committed to holding powerful interests accountable when they’ve misled investors.

Because of her extensive auditing experience, Beth Wood was elected North Carolina’s State Auditor in 2008. Her background included auditing municipalities, counties, and large not-for-profits. As State Auditor, Wood is responsible of assuring that all state agencies use taxpayers’ funds wisely.

North Carolina’s first female State Treasurer, Janet Cowell, oversees more than $70 billion in pension fund investments for the state’s 850,000 public employees. Her commitment to solid economic policies has kept NC in secure financial standing.

State Superintendent June Atkinson oversees more than 2,500 public schools with enrollments of over 1.5 million students. Under her tenure, NC’s high school graduation rate has increased every single year. Atkinson energetically promotes adequate funding for state’s schools; increased verbal, math and science skills; and an expanded access to technology.

Linda Coleman, candidate for Lt. Governor, has served three years in the North Carolina House and was selected by Gov. Perdue to be Director of NC’s State Employees Association. Coleman has been a strong supporter of early childhood education programs and tax credits to help small businesses provide health insurance for their employees.

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You get a unique perspective on life by seeing it from the passenger seat. Some people think that being a passenger means being spoiled, or at least passive. I disagree. For years, I have been an active passenger, reading maps, looking out for signs and places of interest, and generally being alert and helpful. And while the front passenger seat is losing its nickname of the “death seat” (we even call it “la place du mort” in France), it is not without its hazards.

Seat belts and air bags have made this position in the car a safer one, but not before I got a chipped tooth in the Highlands of Scotland. We were driving down the road at a reasonable speed when a ewe stepped into the road, trying to cross over to her offspring on the other side. I was bent over, trying to find a local radio station, and wound up changing dial channels with my front teeth. Wooly mother and child were unscathed, I am pleased to report. My teeth? Not so much.

I had been planning to get my North Carolina driver’s license for longer than a Kardashian marriage, in fact, longer than most marriages. While John was alive, he would make snide comments about this, but showed an equal lack of enthusiasm about teaching me to drive. On the rare occasions I did get behind the wheel – perfectly illegal, I now understand – his criticism did not encourage me to pursue this line of activity any further. Upon John’s death, however, I was a widow with wheels, but no license – an odd state of affairs. Suddenly widowhood had brought me face-to-face with many trials and difficulties. With so much to deal with, driving just seemed like one more insurmountable challenge.

This is America, though – the country where every teenager’s rite of passage is getting a permit, so why didn’t I have mine? As the youngest child, and only daughter, my parents were not eager to let me out of their sight. A month after getting his permit, my brother had wrecked our mother’s car, skidding on gravel, and then turning the wheel sharply so that the car rolled over. As my mother confessed, “It was the first time I’d ever heard the word ‘totaled.’” As far as my parents were concerned, driving a car was something young men did to prac-

tice being stupid.

I was sick and tired of the daily litany from most of my friends and acquaintances in Highlands. “Have you got your license yet?” I developed a number of witty, sarcastic replies to this one. “No,” I would say. “It gives you something to talk about. If I got it, then you’d have to start asking about my sex life.” I realized people were getting annoyed with me, but I was getting frustrated, too. It was a badge of honor not to burn too many rides off people, but I found that many single folks were delighted to have company on shopping trips, or just to go on rides in the country. I did my best to be helpful and entertaining, sometimes picking up the bill for lunch or gas.

And then it dawned on me. I’d been living for years in a town where people drove while texting, and talking on their cell phones. They didn’t signal before they turned. They used two parking spaces to park. They drove down the road, crossing the double yellow line. They tailgated. They passed where it was forbidden. Did I really think I was going to drive worse than them? I had an epiphany.

North Carolina drivers’ code at the ready, I decided to take fate into my own hands, studiously marking significant passages with yellow magic marker. Discovering that you could do sample tests online, I tried them all, failing on the first few, until I got a 97%, then a 100%. Finding a game that tested knowledge of road signs, I played it until I got them all right.

At last, I was ready. I saw my friend, Lee – one of the biggest campaigners for me to get my license, and one with whom I’d even had a few sharp words. “Are you doing anything on Friday, June 22nd?” I asked, trying very hard to be nonchalant. “Why? What a thinking of doing?” she replied. “Oh, I thought maybe you could drive me into Franklin to get my Learner’s Permit,” I said. She looked at me, stunned. “Well, glory, hallelujah,” she yelled – or words to that effect.

That fatal Friday, I was as wound up as an old watch. Lee picked me up at home, and we started down the Gorge Road, that local thoroughfare which re-

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Follow the Star...Bazaar is Sat., July 7th.

From left: Vangie Rich, Al Scudder of Scudder’s Gallery, Gay Kattel, and Wiley Sloan. The Highlands United Methodist Church Bazaar committee members met with Al Scudder to finalize plans for the Live Auction part of the Preview Party which takes place on Friday July 6th at 5 p.m. Tickets are required and may be purchased at the church or from committee members for $15 per person. Included are refreshments and heavy hors d’oeuvres as well as the opportunity to have first pick of the many items available at the auctions as well as the Bazaar Shops.

Highlands United Methodist Church will stage its Follow the Star...Bazaar on Saturday, July 7th.

To give patrons a taste of the treasures available, there’ll be a Friday night Preview Party and Auction, slated for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The church will be serving heavy hors d’oeuvres while the bidding begins on treasures like a weekend at the beach, paintings, a handsome bronze piece, or a ski vacation.

Even Pastor Paul Christy is getting into the act – he’ll be offering his services as a fly fishing guide.

But the preview party and auction is just the opening event for a sale that’s stuffed with temptations and treasures.

Opening at 8 a.m., the bazaar will wind through the church. The Treasure Boutique offers quality home furnishings, lamps, needlepoint. Local artists will provide gorgeous pottery, quilts, afghans and paintings.

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Bring the children and spend the day. There’ll be a special Children’s Playground at the rear of the church with supervised activities.

In the Café, you can enjoy delicious breakfast items from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m. and runs through 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the church.

Highlands United Methodist Church is located at 315 Main Street. For more info or to buy tickets to the Preview Party or to donate items call the Church office at (828) 526-3376.
Highlands Area Upcoming Events

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. Through Sun., July 8

Wednesday, July 4
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Wednesday, July 4
- First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Freedom the Eagle at the Bird Barn at Falls on Main next to Mountain Fresh Foods from 11a-1p.
- Live Bluegrass music at Fressers in Helen’s Barn at 6m.
- Call of the Wild at The Highlands Playhouse, through - Sun., July 8.

Thursday, July 5
- Live Bluegrass music at Fressers in Helen’s Barn at 6m.

Friday, July 6
- Preview Party & Auction – the precursor to the First Presbyterian Church 8a to 4p. Breakfast will be available from 8-10a; and lunch from 11:30a-1:30p.

Saturday, July 7
- The Bascom celebrates the 50th anniversary of the studio glass movement and its founding father Harvey K. Littleton with a glassblowing demonstration and book signing.
- Calloway Family Reunion at the Owens field in Satolah, GA. Bring a dish or two, drinks, chairs, tents, instruments and family members. The meat will be provided by. The cookout begins at 11 a.m. and the derby begins on Church Street and on Fifth Streets. Handicap entrances are located on Main and Fifth Streets. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

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The Highlands Playhouse’s Walter Cronkite is Dead works these partisan ideals through this hysterical comedy about two women stuck at Reagan National Airport during a storm. Do not be alarmed though, as this play pushes stereotype only far enough for identification. Audiences will quickly identify the Southern Conservative who drinks Coke and reads Paula Deen’s Magazine and the Liberal Washingtonian who loves white wine. The crux of the play runs deeper though, as these women discuss their faith, their families, and their thoughts on the world that they live in. "Highlands is such a diverse place, and this play reflects that diversity,” Executive Director Tina Rogers said, “The play explores politics and partisanship without ever saying ‘This is right’ or ‘This is wrong.’

The play, which features ER star Ellen Crawford and Los Angeles actress Jacqueline Riggs, is a Highlands Premiere and is sure to excite the crowds who come and see it. The play transcends just talking points and becomes an open dialogue as these two women work to accomplish what so few can when talking about hot button issues, listening to the other side’s point of view. The table is set by a line of two words early in the play, “Let’s talk.” And talk they do.

Walter Cronkite is Dead opens on Thursday, July 12th and runs through Sunday, July 22nd. The show opens after the critically acclaimed production of The Spitfire Grill closes this Sunday, July 8th. Tickets to either play can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 828-526-2695. Visit www.highlandsplayhouse.org for more information.

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• A free Interlude concert presented by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, and are held at 2 pm. Dress is casual. Trey Clegg, organ at the Presbyterian Church.

Wed., July 11

Thurs., July 12-Sun., July 22
• At The Highlands Playhouse, Walter Cronkite is Dead. Call 828-526-2695 for ticket information.

Thursday, July 12
• At 7 p.m. the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series will continue with Ben Steere from the Coweeta Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Program at the University of Georgia. Ben will give a talk titled “The Western North Carolina Mounds and Towns Project:

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The Highlands Playhouse’s Walter Cronkite is Dead works these partisan ideals through this hysterical comedy about two women stuck at Reagan National Airport during a storm. Do not be alarmed though, as this play pushes stereotype only far enough for identification. Audiences will quickly identify the Southern Conservative who drinks Coke and reads Paula Deen’s Magazine and the Liberal Washingtonian who loves white wine. The crux of the play runs deeper though, as these women discuss their faith, their families, and their thoughts on the world that they live in. “Highlands is such a diverse place, and this play reflects that diversity,” Executive Director Tina Rogers said, “The play explores politics and partisanship without ever saying ‘This is right’ or ‘This is wrong’.

The play, which features ER star Ellen Crawford and Los Angeles actress Jacqueline Riggs, is a Highlands Premiere and is sure to excite the crowds who come and see it. The play transcends just talking points and becomes an open dialogue as these two women work to accomplish what so few can when talking about hot button issues, listening to the other side’s point of view. The table is set by a line of two words early in the play, “Let’s talk.” And talk they do.

Walter Cronkite is Dead opens on Thursday, July 12th and runs through Sunday, July 22nd. The show opens after the critically acclaimed production of The Spitfire Grill closes this Sunday, July 8th. Tickets to either play can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 828-526-2695. Visit www.highlandsplayhouse.org for more information.

Political play ‘Walter Cronkite’ opens
JULY 12 at The Playhouse

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Highlands Area Upcoming Events

New perspectives on human settlement in the southern Appalachians. “All Zahner Conservation Lectures take place at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Road, and are free and open to the public. Please note that parking is very limited. For more information about the Highlands Biological Foundation, or these programs, visit www.highlandsbiological.org or call (828) 526-2221.

Friday, July 13-15
• The Bascom’s Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival. On the 14th, it’s eight gardens in the Ravenel area. Tour participants will also enjoy a gourmet box lunch served on the Terrace at The Bascom between 11:30 am-2:30 pm. Tickets for the garden tours are $80 per person. Group discounts are available. At The Bascom campus, on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14, from 9a-5p, free-admission juried Flower Show with nationally recognized judges. Then on Sunday, July 15 it’s a private tour from 1-3 pm tour. Benefactors are also invited to the premier event for Mountains in Bloom, the “Flower Drum Song” Benefactor Party on Sunday. Stroll through the magical and enchanting, lushly landscaped gardens at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn. Music by Jim Gibson of Hickory Cove Music. A seated candlelight dinner with exquisite cuisine prepared by New Mountain Events will follow. For information call 787-2866.
• The 5th annual Highlands Motoring Festival at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street 10a-4p. All proceeds to benefit the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. Over 125 automobiles of various makes and models will be on display at this event. Participants will be vying for over 30 awards to be presented in a number of classes.

Friday, July 13
• Kindermusik Summer Classes begin for children newborn to 7 years and meets once a week in Cashiers at The Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library. Activities are designed to increase your child’s learning potential, and include singing, dancing, playing instruments, and fun! Contact Lori Richards at The Music Village 828-293-5600 for more information or to try a free class.

H-C Chamber Music Festival launches its own fireworks!

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival launches its 31st season in the shadow of the Fourth of July with its own “fireworks” display.

The season begins on Friday, July 6th, and Saturday, July 7th, with Musical Fireworks – a dazzling display of the virtuoso pyrotechnics of Kreisler, Liszt, Saint-Saens and more with violin wizards William Preucil and Dominic Salerni, and William Ransom on piano.

Those performances will be followed on Sunday, July 8th and Monday, July 9th, with Preucil and Salerni; violists Daniel Avshalomov and Yinzi Kong; cellist Charae Krueger; and Ransom performing Beethoven, Brahms and Dvorak.

Throughout the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival season, concerts will be held at 6 p.m. Fridays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Saturdays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers. Sunday concerts will be staged at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.

The 2012 Performance Schedule stretches all the way from Friday to Sunday, August 12th, culminating with a final gala concert at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and a Dinner Party at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. The season will feature festival favorites like The Attacca String Quartet and The Eroica Trio, plus a sprinkling of new talent.

With all that talent, the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival can’t help but spill out into its host communities. Everyone is invited to attend the free “Beer & G Strings Concert,” featuring The Vega String Quartet and Krueger from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11th, at The Ugly Dog Pub in Highlands.

The Vega Quartet will offer another free show at Buck’s Coffee Shop on Main Street in Highlands from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 25th.

The Linden String Quartet will stage a free concert at Buck’s Café in Cashiers (at the Crossroads) at 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 1st.

Bach at Buck’s is as natural a combination as, well, rich coffee and warm, mellow notes.

Even the Center for Life Enrichment is getting into the act. Dr. Benjamin Arnold will offer “Powerful Intimacy – the Chamber Music of Ludwig van Beethoven” on Saturday, July 7th, at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. For registration or more information, call CLE at (828) 526-8811.

In addition to its nationally-recognized program of concerts, the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival is laced with a series of Feasts of the Festival. They’re a chance to meet fascinating people and enjoy marvelous food and drink in some of the most breathtaking homes in Western North Carolina. Feasts continue through September and will feature an irresistible series of locations and menus.

For more information about the festival and its full lineup of performances and events, visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org or call (828) 526-9060.
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Sastraous health-care overhaul, the chief justice took away the president’s main line of attack that surely would have been deployed had the court voted 5-4, along party lines. The Divider-in-Chief, already bent on stoking cultural warfare – upper-middle class vs. lower-middle class, white against black against Hispanic, gay against straight, believers against non-believers – had no doubt hoped to win one more target for his bPilious bifurcation.

Were the five justices appointed by Republican presidents to have stuck together in opposition, Mr. Obama would have toured the country (at taxpayer expense) to decry the court’s action as nothing more than political usurpation – how dare those five men take away the will of the people?

But Justice Roberts did just the opposite (and adhered to the original intent of the Constitution in doing so). Obamacare is unconstitutional if it were to be enacted via the Commerce Clause, but not if it is simply a tax, the justice wrote. ‘Because the Constitution permits such a tax, it is not our role to forbid it, or to pass upon its wisdom or fairness.’

In doing so, Justice Roberts has just busted Campaign 2012 wide open. The high court’s ruling leaves in place 21 tax increases costing nearly $700 billion. Of those taxes, 12 would affect families earning less than $250,000 per year. Now, Mr. Obama and congressional Democrats have enacted the largest tax increase in history.

Was Roberts medicinally deluded or wise as a fox? I think the latter.

On to Holder, who, on the day of the Supremes vote, was the subject of another vote. CNN.com reports: “The House of Representatives voted Thursday to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for refusing to turn over documents tied to the botched Fast and Furious gun-running sting – a discredited operation that has become a sharp point of contention between Democrats and Republicans in Washington.

The House approved a pair of criminal and civil measures against the attorney general marking the first time in American history that the head of the Justice Department has been held in contempt by Congress.” A headline from the Chicago Tribune tells the next step in the saga: “Justice Department won’t prosecute Attorney General Holder for contempt of Congress.” No kidding. His own underlings won’t bring him to trial. SHOCKING! There is more to come – don’t despair. He’ll twist in the wind for months.

The third item, for which I have no space to pursue, is huge in the international economic scheme of things. A headline from The Telegraph is as far as I can go for now. “Debt crisis: Germany caves in over bond buying, bank aid after Italy and Spain threaten to block ‘everything’.” Germany has caved into demands made by Italy and Spain for immediate eurozone aid to bring down their soaring borrowing costs, sending the euro and markets higher (Dow up 277 Friday).”

That’s all, Folks.

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lion jobs because of regulations. 90% of our natural resources are regulated: nuclear power plants, and now no Keystone pipeline due to regulations. We have to decide jobs or a radical agenda like the president’s. We need a good energy policy.

Vance Patterson:

Regulations are oppressing areas of the American economy. The Keystone pipeline would have pumped 1.3 million gallons a day. There are regulations regarding human resources, questions a business can’t ask so business owners can’t tell whether they are getting a good employee or not. It’s oppressive. That’s one way the government is holding back our economy. There are overtime regulations. It’s getting worse and you need a businessman to stop it.

Question 8: What should be done about the influx of undocumented immigrants?

Vance Patterson:

The key difference between the president and Mr. Meadows is that I am against amnesty. And if you don’t send them home, it’s amnesty. I think we should build a fence and seal the border because the influx needs to stop. We can’t have an unsecured border. If we take away the attractions that get them here, that will help. Take away their healthcare. These are tough decisions. Take away their education benefits. Once the tough decisions are made we can figure out how to deal with it.

Mark Meadows:

I am against amnesty. We have tried that twice before and it doesn’t work. We need to control the border. Agriculture is the largest employer of immigrants – it’s a big attraction. We need a path to legal immigration. The Democrats say government is the answer to every problem except immigration, then they say business is responsible. Another thing is English is our official language and we will reclaim America.

Next week Question 9: Can you explain what happens to good men who go to Washington and then lose their way? What would you do to keep from this happening to you?
minds you that getting behind the wheel can get you killed, in so many interesting and colorful ways. I tried to make witty conversation, all the while reviewing details of the driving code in my head. I even tried to bring facts into the conversation. “Oh, look!” I said. “That’s road maintenance! See the diamond-shaped orange sign with black lettering?” When we were stopped briefly to let traffic go on the other side, I rolled down my window to make conversation with the workmen. “I’m getting my license at the DMV!” I bragged shamelessly. On reflection, most of them must have thought “Who’s that old bat, and why has she waited so long to get her permit?”

We got to the bottom of the Gorge and looked at each other blankly. How did you get to the DMV? Lee commented that it would be the irony of all ironies to get lost on the way to take my test. I didn’t laugh so hard. I was beyond irony, somewhere between blind terror and sheer panic. We took a wild guess at directions, and to our great relief, eventually wound up at the DMV. I took a deep breath, and opened the car door. “Come on,” I said to myself. “You’re a bright woman. There are so many stupid people who’ve managed to get their licenses. Surely you can’t be any dumber than they are.”

Ah, but was I? I walked to the door of the DMV like Marie Antoinette walking to the guillotine, minus the drum rolls and shouting peasants. “You can do this,” I chanted to myself, over and over. I opened the door, and Lee and I walked in.

Michelle is a writer and translator who moved to Highlands after years of living in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She lives in town with her two very spoiled cats, Orion and Weasel. Michelle is saddened that her late husband didn’t live long enough to see this part of her life play out. She is sure that if he were still alive, he’d be saying those encouraging words, “Turn the wheel, dammit, now shift down! No, shift up! No, wait! Brake!”
God’s sovereignty and generosity

By Pastor Charles Harris
Highlands First Baptist Church

Someone has said “New Testament parables are heavenly stories with an earthly setting.” Parables normally have an enigmatic thrust...i.e., one which the reader must understand. Some parables are often taught using parables.

The parable that I am focusing on is interesting, but confusing. Jesus told this parable after he had questioned him regarding eternal life. In this case, Jesus knew that the young man’s possessions were possessed by him. Therefore, Jesus told him to sell all of his possessions and give the proceeds to the poor...then become a committed disciple. Jesus and the disciples watched sadly as the young man walked away without eternal life.

The emphasis is on service and not on salvation...Salvation is God’s gift to us and can’t be earned or purchased.

Five important truths regarding this parable:

1. This parable teaches that good intentions have some value...obviously not equal to deeds, but have some value versus doing nothing.

2. Jesus is sharing a spiritual principle...not a business principle.

3. The primary emphasis is on the landowner’s generosity, not his fairness in hiring and paying his workers.

4. The most important truth taught in this parable is that God is much more generous to us than this landowner was to his workers.

5. Summarization of the parable:

The emphasis here is on Christian service and not on salvation...Salvation is God’s gift to us and can’t be earned or purchased.

- The vineyard owner went to the market place to hire day laborers.
- He hired workers at five different times during the day beginning at six a.m. He negotiated the amount of pay only with those hired first because they wanted to know up front how much pay they would receive for their labor.
- Those hired later in the day had no stipulated or agreed amount...just the owner saying “I will pay you what is fair.”
- Those hired last were asked an important question before they were hired “Why are you not working?” Their honest answer was “Because no one has hired us!”
- Insights into those hired last (at 5 p.m.):
  - They had been waiting eleven hours to be hired...Waiting is often harder than working.
  - They had been willing to work, but had no opportunity.
  - They immediately went to work with only one hour until quitting time.
  - They received a job offer, but no assurance of pay...only the simple instruction “Go!”

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There were three surprises at “Quitting Time.”
- Those hired first were paid last
- Those hired last were paid first
- They were all paid the same amount!

Two responses from those hired at 6 p.m.
- When they saw the amount paid to those who worked only one hour was equal to their negotiated amount, their expectations of pay increased.
- They complained and grumbled to the landowner... “The amount you paid us is not fair compared with the pay given to those who worked less hours!” They were right regarding fairness.

The landowner’s response:
- “Be satisfied, I have paid you the agreed amount!”
- Then the landowner raised two poignant questions: “Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Are you envious because I’m generous?”

My conclusions:
- What this landowner did was not fair, but it was right
- This parable teaches us two things about God:
  1. God is sovereign...i.e., in control. Ron Dunn, a popular preacher who is deceased, often said God’s sovereignty simply means “God has a right to do whatever He wants to do and whatever God does is always right!”
  2. Second, God is generous...much more so than we can imagine.

FEASTS OF THE FESTIVAL 2012
Entire ticket proceeds benefit the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

“An Evening at Frog Pond Farm”
Thursday, June 21st – 6:30 PM – $125/person – 14 Places
Hosts: Barry and Paula Jones
Menu: Cocktails in Jones’ famous flower garden;
Local trout and homegrown organics

“Sunset on Lake Glenville”
Tuesday, July 17th – 5:30 PM – $125/person – 14 Places
Host: Hyonja Lee Abrons and Gray McRimmon
Menu: Cocktails and boat ride on Lake Glenville followed by a specially prepared dinner at the Landings Club.

“Dueling Pianists”
Tuesday, July 24th – 6:30 PM – $125/person – 40 Places
Hosts: Chip and Susan Robert
Tim and Gail Hughes, Hays and Anna Mershon
Ginger Kennedy and Kevin Naylor
Pianists: William Ransom and Victor Asuncion
Menu: Fresh appetizers served in the garden; grilled flank steak, herb chicken, fresh orzo salad, fresh asparagus, caprese salad and hot biscuits

“Evening with The Eroica Trio”
Sunday, July 29th – 7:15 PM – $125/person – 12 Places
Hosts: Julian and Margo Franklin, Bob and Olivia Holt
Menu: Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres overlooking Whiteside Mountain; Salmon Sant’Ambrogio, Salade Nickrenz, Park-er House rolls, assorted desserts

“Capriccio Italian” or “My Big Fat Italian Festival Feast”
Saturday, August 4th – 6 PM – $125/person – 12 Places
Hosts: Peter and Valerie Whitcup with Edoardo Catemario
Menu: Rosemary pork roast with marsala mushroom sauce, chicken franaise with lemon butter, olives and capers, crab meat stuffed shrimp with polenta, papardelle bolognese with other savories and sweets.

“A Royal Feast”
Thursday, August 9th – 6:30 PM – $150/person – 10 Places
Hosts: Ed and Penny Mawyer
Menu: Cucumber and avocado soup with spring greens and garden vegetables, beef wellington with mushroom duxelle and peppercorn sauce, asparagus and fingerling potatoes, French apple and custard tart with fresh berries.

“A Cocktail Reception Extra-Ordinaire”
Thursday, September 20th – 6:00 PM – $100/person – 25 Places
Hosts: Horst and Margaret Winkler
Menu: The finest wines and champagnes paired with exceptional edible delights.

Join us by calling the HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL at 828-526-9060 or email us at hccmf@frontier.com
Family makes generous estate gift hospital Foundation

A generous donation made on behalf of the late John and Betty Haire to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation has established a Nurse Support Fund to enhance the profession of nurses at HCH. Mrs. Peggy Haire-Laval, daughter of John and Betty Haire, dedicated funds of the Haire estate to honor the many nurses in her family. The fund will provide scholarships to qualified nursing recipients to assist in obtaining a nursing degree.

Garden Club beautifies gardens at Eckerd Living Center

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital’s Fidelia Eckerd Living Center (FELC) residents have much to look forward to this season thanks to the dedicated members of the Mountain Garden Club and the use of a little flower power.

Since 2010 when the club voted to adopt the gardens as an ongoing project to improve the interior grounds at FELC, the club has weeded, deadheaded, pruned, planted, mulched, fertilized and created flower beds for seasonal blooms. A 15+ member committee continues to work with the staff and volunteers of the FELC, ensuring that the center’s courtyard and greens are visually attractive throughout the year.

“Nursing Office at FELC. “We are very thankful to have so many dedicated garden club individuals that donate their time and energy to our facility and residents. It is help from our volunteers that affords our residents the activities that boost their quality of life,” said Emory.

Doug Helms, Managing Member and Principal Broker of BlackRock Realty Group, LLC is pleased to announce that Nadine Paradise has joined the firm as Real Estate Broker and Partner.

Nadine attended Oakland University and started her professional career in Information Technology with a major insurance company. Later she enjoyed a practice with an Executive Recruiting firm that specialized in Fortune 500 companies. Nadine was licensed as a Real Estate Broker in 2002. She was awarded outside “Broker of the Year” at Trillium Links and Lake Club. Nadine is licensed in the states of North Carolina, Georgia and Utah.

Nadine has been recognized for her outstanding customer service, dedication and professionalism in the real estate industry. “She is the perfect addition to BlackRock as she shares our work ethic and our commitment to providing professional real estate services to our clients,” said Helms, who continued; “She is consistently a top performer in the Highlands Market and maintains a loyal client base.”

Nadine is based at the firm’s offices in the Peggy Crosby Center, 348 South Fifth Street, Suite #213. She can be reached at 828-526-0000 or 828-371-2551.

Nadine Paradise joins BlackRock Realty Group

The Atlanta Boy Choir under the direction of Fletcher Wolfe has just returned home after a concert tour in Russia.

Their performances in St. Petersburg’s Imperial Capella Hall, connected with the Winter Palace, and The Great Hall of the Philharmonic were sold out with all three balconies filled to capacity.

The choir, longtime favorites of Russian audiences were the guests of the famous Glinka Choir College in St. Petersburg. Sadly, only days before their arrival, Maestro Wolfe’s longtime friend and colleague, Sergei Dzevanovsky, director of the college, died following a long illness.

The choir dedicated their concerts to his memory and after a moment of silence sang the moving Pie’ Jesu from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Requiem Mass.

Molly McKim, well known Highlands soprano soloist was joined by the choir, instrumentalists and the two boy sopranos in presenting this work.

It was reported that never have the Russian audiences responded more enthusiastically to any concerts given there than to those by this choir.

They went wild with their applause and some likened their response to a rock concert audience. The choir had to repeat various encores many times before the large audience would depart.

One of the most outstanding events took place at St. Petersburg’s Great Hall of the Philharmonic when the famous Glinka Choir joined the Atlanta Boy Choir in a performance of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s Messiah.

Maestro Wolfe conducted the one hundred and fifty voices accompanied by the Great Hall’s fabulous pipe organ as well as instrumentalists. Since this was the finale of the concert, the audience stood and clapped and shouted bravos for 10 minutes.

The U.S. Consul General, Bruce Turner, and his wife attended the concert at the Imperial Capella and renowned European conductor, Mark Stringer, himself a former choir boy under Wolfe attended the Great Hall performance. Maestro Stringer, the only American ever invited to teach at the prestigious Vienna Conservatory credits his experience under Mr. Wolfe for his great success.

The Atlanta Boy Choir was heard in Highlands recently before they embarked on this tour.

Maestro Wolfe, longtime music Director at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation was joined by current Incarnation Director, Robert Henry. Dr. Henry is the choir’s permanent accompanist and Mr. Wolfe’s assistant director.

Richard Wayne, Physicians Assistant from the Highland Cashiers Medical Center accompanied the choir on this trip to make sure everyone stayed healthy. Fortunately, everyone did.
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The late Betty and John Haire. Their recent estate gift created the Haire-Laval Nurse Support Fund at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

“My parents, John and Betty Haire were a loving and devoted couple who would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year on June 24,” said Peggy. The Haires’ were the founders of the George Mason Land Company in Fort Dodge, Iowa. The success of this venture enabled the Haire family to be active in and generous to numerous charities in Iowa and later in Vero Beach, FL, where they were winter residents.

Now a summer resident of Highlands Peggy said she is pleased that her family has reached out to Highlands by including Highlands-Cashiers Hospital in their estate gifts. “Mom and Dad would be delighted to know that I was able to designate their gift of more than $70,000 to support the profession of nursing. This is a wonderful tribute to two generations of nurses in our family.”

“We are extremely grateful for this lasting tribute to The Haire Family and their interest to help our nurses advance their professional careers,” said Robin T. Taylor, Executive Director of the Hospital Foundation.

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neutral and proceed in the best interest of both parties to get the property sold with terms acceptable to the buyer and seller. To some it seems a conflict of interest, but who better knows the property than the listing agent? Legally they must divulge any material facts they aware of. A professional broker knows how to perform dual agency and I have done many myself with very positive results. With a dual agent-and if you are the buyer- you can rest assured you are represented in a professional manner and nothing will be done to harm you in any way because the broker has to promote your best interests, be loyal to you, use reasonable skills, care and diligence, and account for all monies they handle for you.

So you can see that as a buyer you do not need to be concerned if a listing agent is showing you his/her listing and is a buyer’s agent for you. I hope this helps explain dual agency. If you still have questions feel free to contact me. Enjoy your summer in beautiful Highlands!

REACH fundraiser set for July 29

REACH of Macon County will stage a fundraiser July 29th at the breathtaking home of prominent Highlands and Houston interior designer Tony Raffa and his partner Scott Allbee.

R.E.A.C.H. provides counseling, shelter, and life-skills training for victims of domestic and sexual abuse. They have presented programs in Macon County’s schools, including Highland’s, on antibullying and rape prevention. It’s a little publicized fact that approximately 75% of men incarcerated in this country have been victims of abuse.

The gala event will feature cocktails and a live auction (courtesy of Steve Day of radio station WHLC), and silent auction.

The Raffa-Allbee home serves as a showcase for Raffa’s nationally recognized design talents. With its 45 foot high vaulted ceilings and 10,000 square feet, this home feels cozy whether entertaining 200 people or just two.

The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with an open bar and heavy hors d’oeuvres. The silent auction items will be displayed on a large dining porch overlooking a waterfall that cascades into a koi pond. The live auction will be downstairs in the multi-level theater. It’s an opportunity to tour an amazing home while supporting a much needed cause.

One of the items offered is a refresher bridge course taught by Brenda Manning.

So often we hear people say they played bridge in college, military, early adult years, etc., and stopped due to career and family demands. Now, they want to play again but are unsure where to start updating their game. These three lessons will point your game in the right direction, and provide references to continue your game for bridge in 2012. You do not need a partner to sign up. Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday, August 16th; Monday, August 20th; and Tuesday, August 21st. Class is limited to the first 12 to sign up, with a minimum number of 4. Cost is $100, checks or credit card, payable to REACH.

Brenda is an experienced, award-winning teacher. She taught at The University of Georgia for 25 years, and was an invited teacher to the University of Notre Dame, Beijing Normal University in Beijing, China; and consulted with the Walt Disney Company. She is a bridge lifemaster and a certified bridge director.

Besides this “refresher” bridge course by Brenda, Teri Dold will be giving an advanced bridge seminar.

A few of the auction items are a fresco by Kathleen Macone; design consultation services by Raffa; a raised veggie garden by Tom Tracy and Brian Stehler; Wanda Drake’s famous banana pudding; a painting by Atlanta artist Mary Lou Carpenter-Bilbro; private wine tours and tastings in Napa and Sonoma; gift certificates for massage by Aery Chiropractic; a cocktail buffet for 18 in your home; necklaces from Drake’s Diamond Gallery; tickets for Highlands Playhouse; Landscape design services by Deborah Berlin; a painting of a Buck Creek farmhouse by Sarah Sneeden; wine from Mountain Fresh Grocery; a painting by Rosemary Stiefel; a gourmet five-course dinner by Barbara Werder and Virginia Parrott; Peachy Staley’s Country Dinner with Wine; Pat Buchanan’s Mexican Fiesta Dinner; dinner for six at Wolfgang’s Restaurant & Wine Bistro; a pair of lamps from Tony Raffa and much more!

If you can’t attend this event but would like to bid on an item, leave a sealed bid with Wanda Drake at Drake’s Diamond Gallery.

For reservations, call (828) 369-5544 or email jvparrott22@nctv.com. The cost is $75 per person and space is limited to 140 people. Last year’s celebration was a sellout, so make your reservations early.
Highlands Police & Fire Reports

Highlands PD log entries from June 17. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 17
• At 5:15 p.m., a person reported a stolen purse stolen containing a camera lens and memory cards valued at $220.

June 18
• At 11:20 a.m., officers went to a home on Cullasaja Drive when it was learned that someone had answered the phone when no one was supposed to be there.

June 20
• At 10 a.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident on Oak Street.
• At 10 p.m., Ruben Contreras Lopez, 28, of Tiger, GA, was arrested on NC 106 for DWI and traffic violations.

June 25
• At 2 p.m., officers responded to a call about an open door at a residence on Hicks Road.
• At 4:38 p.m., officers received a report about an accident on NC 106 where a driver backed into a motorcycle and knocked it over.

Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from June 22.
The new fire ratings go into effect on July 1, 2012. In-town rates went from 5 to 4 and outside town in the 5-mile limit they went from 9-5.

June 22
• At 3:51 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at HUMC. It was false.

June 23
• At 1:07 p.m., the dept. was called to help search for a missing child on Hickory Knut Gap Road who was found by a parent before the dept.’s arrival.

June 24
• At 1:24 p.m., the dept. responded to an accident where a driver hit an utility pole on US 64 east and Cullasaja Club, where the vehicle went over the embankment.

June 25
• At 2:02 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive. It was sounded due to burned food.
• At 1:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Horse Cove Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

June 26
• At 11:44 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Leonard Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

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The answer may be as simple as changing tastes, but do we really care less now about the 100-meter dash than when Americans were routinely winning? It’s revealing that many Americans closely followed the Tour de France while Lance Armstrong was winning seven consecutive titles. Does anyone know the 2012 Tour is currently underway?
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