

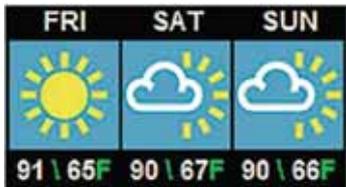
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Thursday, June 28, 2012



Through -Sun., July 8

- At The Highlands Playhouse, The Spitfire Grill. Call 828-526-2695 for tickets.
- Thurs, Fri., Sat, June 28-30.
- At the Lost Hiker on Carolina Way. Karaoke Thurs., Black Beard Truckers at 9 p.m. and The Unawarewolves at 9 p.m. on Saturday.

- Live Music at at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road, Norma Jean, Hal Philips and Jacob Deaton. Call 526-2121.

Thursday June 28

- Salamander Meander at the Nature Center at 9 p.m. Ages are 7 to adult. Registration is required. Call 526-2623.

Friday, June 29

- Friday Night Live from 6-8p at Town Square on Main Street featuring the Foxfire Boys Band from Clayton, GA.

Saturday, June 30

- Open House Tour at Shelby Place from 10a to 1p.

July 2-7

- The Playhouse Acting Camp. 9a-noon for children ages 6-10 and from 1-4p for ages 11-14. Cost is \$195 per student. For more information call (828)526-2695.

Wednesday, July 4

- Hudson Library will be closed. They will reopen on Thursday.

- Freedom the Eagle at the Bird Barn at Falls on Main next to Mountain Fresh Foods from 11a-1p.

- Free annual Patriotic Concert at 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church before fireworks display.

- Rotary cook-out and first ever Rubber Duck Derby. Cookout is at 11 a.m. and the derby begins on Mill Creek at the Spruce Street culvert at 1:30p. Call 787-2778.

- Annual fireworks around 9 p.m.

- Live band at Lost Hiker at 9 p.m.

## Board dismisses public's concerns

A passionate public turned out for last Thursday's Town Board meeting to discuss issues dear to their hearts, but their pleas fell on deaf ears.

During the public comment period, citizens urged commissioners to allow festivals in the

park at Pine Street and asked why Spring Street is a one-way street going east.

The use of Kelsey-Hutchinson Park was on the agenda both because Cynthia Strain requested its inclusion but also because Town Manager Bob Frye had submitted

a revised Park and Recreation Outdoor Facilities Use Policy.

The two major policy changes are limiting the use of town outdoor facilities to nonprofit organizations and reserving the use of town facilities for the town or

• See CONCERNS page 9

## Brigman tenure ends with district recap

At the Monday, June 25 Macon County School Board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Dan Brigman bid the board and staff goodbye with a recap of accomplishments made district-wide over the last six years.

"Tonight, I bring my tenure as your superintendent to an end here in Macon County and feel very confident in the leadership of Interim Superintendent Dr. Jim Duncan and the Board of Education as you pursue your next system leader."

"As a result of a strong leadership team and this board's commitment to continuous improvement, you have many areas of celebration through this school system including:

- More than \$45 million invested in capital improvements from the mountain to the valley,

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## Kids to 'act up' at HP camp



The Playhouse Acting Camp. is July 2-7 from 9a-noon for children ages 6-10 and from 1-4p for ages 11-14. Cost is \$195 per student. For more information call (828)526-2695 or go to [highlandsplayhouse.org](http://highlandsplayhouse.org).

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## Meadows & Patterson face off - Part 3 -

This week we begin with answers to question four of the 12 posed Republican candidates Mark Meadows and Vance Patterson at the June 9 FreedomWorks sponsored debate.

The winner of the July 17 run-off will run against Democrat Hayden Rogers in November. For part 2 of the Debate Series see the June 21 edition.

The questions posed the candidates were involved and some referred to policies conservatives, both mid-stream and far-right, consider key to their positions. To understand the answers, policies will be explained as those questions come up.

When answering questions, Meadows and Patterson were asked to explain how their positions on issues differ.

**Question 4:** Are you a supporter of the Fair Tax. Why or why

• See DEBATE page 21

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Attitude of Town Board was embarrassing

Dear Editor

I attended the Highlands Town Board meeting last Thursday, June 21st to share my reasons why Spring St should not have been changed to one way going from 4th St to 5th St, parallel to Church St. The better choice, not only for traffic flow and for the 4th St merchants, but also for the residents who live on 5th St. and beyond Harris Lake, would be to have Spring St. go from 5th St to 4th St. These residents are now forced to take Main St. or another very circuitous route to get anywhere.

I was ashamed and embarrassed by the rude, arrogant and condescending manner exhibited by some members of the council toward the constituents.

At one point, the mayor turned his back for close to twenty minutes on people who wanted to make their opinions be known, and never allowed them to comment before calling for the council to vote.

In the course of my questioning, I inquired about the extension of the OEI entrances out to Spring St, and if this might be establishing a precedent for other businesses or residential homeowners to consider. The City Manager said that the Town of Highlands has given OEI 10% of Spring St so that part of the street belongs to OEI now and is no longer a city street. He said, however, that in the future 10% would be added to the other side of the street to replace the percentage given to OEI. I inquired whether OEI would be reimbursing the town for the cost of clearing and paving the other side. I was informed that they were not.

As a taxpayer of the Town of Highlands who pays for the upkeep of the city streets, I was flabbergasted. What kind of money management does this town employ to give away 10% of our street to any entity without requesting financial compensation to replace it.

Ridgley Berger  
Highlands

## • HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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## Follow the money

Dear Editor,

Of course school districts oppose Virtual School. The interesting thing is the reason the state for their opposition and more interesting is the reasons they do not state.

School districts are worried about the per pupil dollar allocation they would lose for students they would no longer teach. Think about that for a second. Where in the private sector can you stop providing a service and still insist on getting paid for it? Only tax supported bureaucrats have that kind of gall.

However the more important reason is what they do not say. Computer-based education has proven to be a more effective teacher in study after study. Why? Computer based lessons constantly assess what a student is and is not learning and provide immediate remediation where needed. No teacher can do that in a classroom where of necessity all students are lumped together.

But it gets worse. Why are school districts themselves not adopting computer based education in a systematic way? Just consider the implications if school districts put tablet computers in the classroom for some of the subjects most amenable to computer based education. You would need fewer teachers and students would learn better. We are told over and over again that we lack math and science teachers - subjects very amenable to computer-based education. With computer based education we would not nearly as many teachers.

Consider also the number of well-paid curriculum specialists sitting behind desks in each school district's office. Multiply that times 45 or however many school districts there are in the state. With a fully implemented computer-based education program there would be no need for each school district to have curriculum specialists.

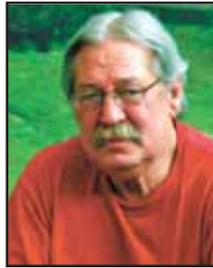
No, the real reason school districts oppose computer-based education is that it will prove to be more efficient and effective. Huge sums of money being wasted on outdated teaching methods are at stake. Large numbers of union jobs are at stake. That's what school districts care about. And you thought they cared about the education of your children?

Alfons Van Wijk, Ph.D.  
Highlands

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## • OBITUARIES •

### James Wilson Stiles



James Wilson Stiles, age 66, of Highlands passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2012. He was born in York, Pennsylvania, the son of the late H. Austin and Esther Baublitz Stiles. He was a retired realtor with Country Club Properties. He was a graduate of York College of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Business. He had been a terminal manager for Roadway Package System in Providence, RI and worked in sales at various companies in Maryland and Delaware. He entered Real Estate in Delaware and continued in this field in Alabama and after moving to North Carolina in 2000. He enjoyed competitive swimming at the York, PA YMCA and rifle target sharp shooting with the York Rifle Club as a teenager, racing log canoes on the Chesapeake Bay, fly fishing in Alabama, watching all NASCAR and being with friends everywhere. People considered Jim a genuinely nice man. In addition

to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Bradley James Stiles.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Michele Mangum; a daughter, Piper Merchant of York, PA; a son, James Bergdoll Stiles and wife Amanda of York, PA; a brother, H. Emory Stiles of York, PA; nine grandchildren, Branigan Stiles, Cooper Stiles, Lexa

Stiles, Delaney Stiles, Heather Merchant, Corey Bright, Cody Bright, Nicole Bright and Shannan Bright.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 2 pm at the Church in the Wildwood in Horse Cove, Highlands, NC.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Highlands Emergency Council, PO Box 974, Highlands, NC 28741.

Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com). Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Thomas S. Wilson

Thomas S. Wilson, age 92, of Highlands, NC passed away Monday, June 25, 2012 at his residence. He was the son of the late Madison "Mack" and Lona Flora Ann Chastain Wilson. He was married to Frances Ruth Mossor Wilson who passed away in 2006. He was a US Army Veteran of WWII; a mechanic and welder for Zia Company in Los Alamos, New Mexico and a member of Operating Engineers. He was a member of Blue Valley Baptist Church. Mr. Wilson was a caring father, grandfather and great-grandfather who liked hunting, fishing and farming.

He is survived by his daughters, Lona Pearl "Cookie" McCall and her husband, James of Highlands, NC, Martha Earle and her husband Randy of Morse, TX and Frances Wilson of Parkersburg, W. VA; a son Archie "Bud" Wilson and wife Anna of Highlands, NC; one sister, Dolly McCall of Highlands, NC and one brother Albert Wilson of Espanola, New Mexico. Six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive. He was

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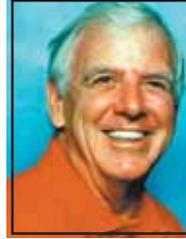
**A life with bears and Popcorn**

The other morning I jumped in my li'l Honda Fit and headed out to get it inspected. This is always a fun morning for me since I love to get my car inspected. I know, I know, you think that's weird and I guess it is. But wait....read this adventure and see if you can plug into my point of view.

Heading just a short distance down Many Road from my home, I came face to face with a 300-pound black bear

with apparently no cubs in tow as I could see there was no sense of urgency with the bear. He....or she was standing right smack dab in the middle of the road and was not moving. I slammed on my breaks to keep from hitting it. We stared at each other for about 10 seconds and it was apparent the bear was not intimidated by my two-ton red car.

I'm always thrilled to see a bear but not so close to my home. Special note: I did not get out to check the bear's sex and



with Fred Wooldridge  
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his/her weight was just an estimate as I had not brought my bear scale. Becoming irritated by my presence, it swayed back and forth several times and then lit out for my neighbor's driveway. It shot down through the rose garden and disappeared. It was my first bear encounter since arriving in May.

Several minutes later I was sitting at Manley's Tow Service digging in my wallet for my registration. I was eager to tell Popcorn of my adventure. Getting my car

inspected at Manley's is fun because Popcorn and his whole crew operate on mountain time, not Miami time. Just like my bear sighting, there's never a sense of urgency. Manley's has a mountain pace I love. I know it must drive some Floridiots and high strung city folks crazy, but not me. Ha, and I am a high strung city folk.

Then, out of the blue, Popcorn said, "It seems to me you haven't pissed off anyone lately....but, then again, I wouldn't know as I've quit reading newspapers....all of 'em. But I do get informed when folks come in laughing and ask if I saw your article. I always an-

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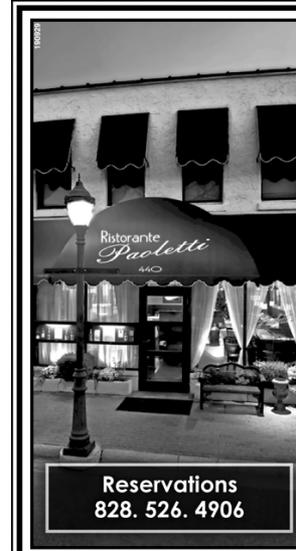
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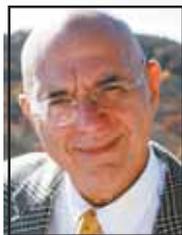
## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### The allure of garage sales

**G**arage sale, yard sale, estate or rummage sale; call it what you will. It's a terrible waste of a beautiful summer Saturday. Lizzie and her friend, Cathy Garren decided an estate sale would be a wonderful way to make "a lot of money," and get rid of unwanted junk.

When the idea was hatched, I told Lizzie I had no interest in a junk sale. That did not deter her from enlisting my participation, nor from soliciting Bull's involvement by describing the venture as a "family activity." I bit. Bull didn't.

It's an interesting crowd that shows up at rummage sales. Most are early risers who arrive before the advertised opening in order to get the "good stuff," before it's picked over. If it weren't already picked over, it wouldn't be on display.



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

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The girls had so much stuff it spread from the driveway, through the garage, and occupied every flat surface in the house.

I learned a couple things. In general, buyers don't care how low an item is priced. They want to pay less. It is part of the game, a game which is not nearly as fun as Twister, a game from the '60s which involved putting one's body in positions none of us could achieve today. By the way, if anyone is interested, we have a Twister game left over from the sale.

One lady brought out a beautiful vase of silk tulips. I don't ordinarily life fake flowers, but these were beautiful. She asked the price. I answered that we hadn't intended to

sell them, but that if she really liked them, she could have them for six dollars. Pricing in these events is somewhat arbitrary. She offered three. Keep in mind that I'd just told her we hadn't intended to include them in the sale. I answered that they were worth more than three dollars to me, the price was firm, and she could put them back if the price was too high. She paid six dollars, which left me wondering what I was doing haggling over three dollars.

A guy asked me how much we were asking for three, rather attractive, fishing lures. Lizzie had priced them at two dollars for all three. I answered, "Wow, two dollars. It seems low, but that's the price." He must have agreed because he promptly agreed to pay twice the posted price. Guys should probably stay away from estate sales, and leave it to the ladies.

It baffles me that the White Buffalo, or Silver Arrow, or some similarly named shop can sell painted, ceramic, Native American figurines for 20 or 30 bucks, and we couldn't move them for a dollar or two. It may be hard to

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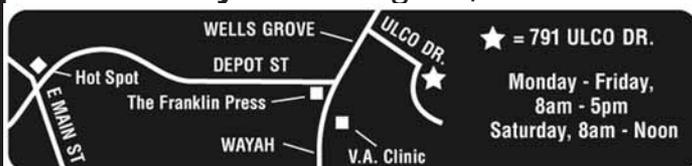
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## • BACK DAYS •

### *The story of the family of Ethel Mae Potts Paul ... descendants of WT and Mattie Potts*

**By Guy Warren Paul**

...In town we lived within sight of the new schoolhouse, and Mama kept in close contact with goings on there. At times she even participated, though she was in her early '30s. One of those occasions was a community spelling bee, and she won! Mary recalls how she babysat me and Eugene at the time and how Mama set down a local doctor on the word skeleton, the local banker on the word receipt and one of the teachers on the word Eskimo. Her prize was a box of candy.

Whether it was Frances's boyfriends, Frank's girlfriends or Corinne's and my playmates, Mama loved them all. She took just as serious and interest in their successes and failures as in those of her own children.

Her concern for others did not change when we moved into a new house Dad had built on the Walhalla Road. Sometimes we walked the mile to school on the Walhalla road, or else we crossed through Uncle Frank and Aunt Belle's property to the Dillard Road and went that way. We always walked with somebody – the Potts cousins, the Wilsons, the Crunkletons, the Mungers, the Reeses. Those who trudged the roads to school with us were special to Mama and whatever she afforded us in the way of cookies, doughnuts, bread and jelly, and other after-school delights, she taught us to share all the way around.

Bread-making day was something extra special. Mama must have always made a dozen loves of bread to slice, a large pan of plain rolls, and several pans of sticky rolls, large and small. We ate them with relish and it was not unusual for Mrs. Mabel Hays and her sister, Miss Nellie Cleaveland, who ran the post office those days, to call at our



**Guy and Ethel Mae Potts Paul**

– Courtesy of the Highlands Historical Society

house on bread day. Miss Nellie usually compensated by letting us all pile in her touring car for a ride down to Clear Creek and back.

There were only three-and-a-half acres to our place on the Walhalla Road, but Dad and Will Cleaveland jointly owned another 17 acres or so, and my Granddaddy Potts and the Picklesimmers owned all the way to Brushy Face Mountain and the country club. We kids and our cows and dogs were free to roam it all, wade and fish the creeks, climb the trees and pick the wild flowers and wild berries that grew in profusion. Young and immature, not realizing the harshness of the Depression and with no cause to worry yet about approaching tragedies, all of us – Herbert, Gene, Corinne, Mary and I – can now look back on these late '20s and early '30s as some of the best years of our lives. Frances and Frank were not at home but for the rest of us, it was life with Mama and Daddy ad each other everyday. We were oblivious to the obvious – that it would not last forever. Here are a few vignettes of life with Mama when we lived on the Walhalla Road adjacent to

Uncle Frank, Aunt Belle and our cousins at their house.

Since her father was a Baptist preacher, it was only natural that Mama kept the faith. She was active in all church activities, especially the Women's Missionary Society. She took her turn at entertaining the ladies at our house. On one such occasion, they were all gathered in our living room behind closed doors. This did not deter Charlie, however. He peaked through the keyhole and then summoned Corinne and me. We burst into laughter from what we saw and giggled so hard that tears streamed down our faces. The ladies, of course, discovered us outside and were quite chagrined, for what we saw was Mrs. Mabel Hays climbing over the shelf built underneath the top of the library-type table. They were demonstrating how agile they were, even though few of them had been very careful about their weight. Besides Mrs. Hays, Mama, Mrs. Davie Wiley others had accepted the challenge, but we saw only Mrs. Hays in the act.

•To be continued ...

# • COACH'S CORNER •

## Thoughts from UVA-Wise

You wouldn't think that a weekend trip to Virginia with 12 teenage boys is a great opportunity for introspection, but it actually provided me with a lot of time to think about a lot of different things. For example, why do males find flatulence so much funnier than females do? I'm kidding, of

course... well, sort of. With my 32nd birthday on the horizon, I obviously have come to the realization that I am a long way removed from my own camp trips, but while many things have changed, there are a great deal of things that have stayed the same.

First rule of camp travel: music. Music is a key component for any trip that a teenage boy embarks upon. Of course, while we had Walkman CD players, the Ipad or Iphone is now the music player of choice for today's youth. Proper use of headphones prevents the user from having to participate in conversation, particularly when that conversation involves one's coach fussing at him.

The second rule of camp involves sleeping arrangements. Since we go four to a room, that means sharing a bed for the first time in a long time for many of our athletes. The alternative is to sleep on the floor, which many of our players do. At my age, sleeping on the floor would not be an option, but young bodies can withstand a couple of nights on the carpet. Wake ups in the morning are great fun for a coach, as it can be a real challenge to wander through a hotel room with bodies lying all over the floor.

Third rule of camp-ladies, if you ever feel a little down on your appearance, just wander on by a boys basketball camp and watch the magic happen. After a few days full of nothing but other guys and testosterone, any female that enters the camp zone suddenly becomes remarkably more attractive. Two years ago, our team began to compile an impressive list of minor injuries in order to spend time with the young female trainer at the College of Charleston.

Finally, if you like peace and quiet-



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then this type of trip is not for you. The bus ride to camp is usually filled with many different voices, types of music, and various bodily sounds that would disturb even the most grizzled veteran. While at camp, one can expect to hear quite a bit of screaming, shouting, singing, whining and general bravado along with the various squeaks and whistles of three basketball games being played at once. However, one brief period of silence does occur, usually on the trip back where the exhausted troops contort themselves into sleeping positions on a crowded bus and take a small siesta. It is during this period of silence that I usually look in the rearview at the boys and remind myself what it was like to be that age, and fondly reminisce about my own camp memories.



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Forget for the moment Obama bypassed Congress to arbitrarily grant amnesty to illegal aliens vis-à-vis what amounts to the Dream Act. Forget for the moment that for years he has said that without congressional approval he didn't have the authority to do precisely what he did.

Forget for the moment that college students and high school seniors have just graduated into an employment market that has lost millions of jobs. Forget for the moment that unemployment amongst legal American citizens is 10.4 percent, and forget that as legal Americans are searching for jobs and students are looking for employment, Obama has granted amnesty to 800,000 illegal aliens up to 30 years of age who are now cleared to compete for jobs that millions of citizens desperately need. And forget for the moment that in arbitrarily granting amnesty to the illegal aliens, he bleeped on the Constitution of the Untied

States."

So says Mychal Massie in a recent article appearing in WND. He is a nationally recognized political activist, pundit and columnist. Oh, yes, before some of you launch the "racism" attack, Massie is black. So now you can go with the "Uncle Tom" label instead.

Back to Massie: "This is the most important thing to be remembered: What he did last week is not even a breath of what he will do if he is re-elected without a Congress that will hold him back. What he did will pale in comparison to the things he will feel empowered to do. He and his wife will drop the thinly veiled pretense of public servant and reveal themselves as the hardcore Marxist-Leninists and redistributionists they are. The Constitution will mean nothing to them. They will openly disdain and abuse it even more freely. She will vacation and spend like the taxpayer welfare queen she aspires to be, and will drop all pretense of working with Congress."

It is telling that I often have to refer to columns printed in foreign newspapers to get the straight story. Concerning the Fast and Furious saga (which I reported to you hours after Brian Terry's death) had been covered by NBC for 10 seconds until it recently blew up in Obama's face. It is for those who persist in watching network news as the basic news source that I get back to basics (and have to go the telegraph.co.uk website to get it).

"The Fast and Furious Scandal is Turning into President Obama's Watergate.

Fast and Furious hasn't been discussed a lot in the mainstream media, which is why the facts can seem so preposterous when you read them for the first time. But the real story is slowly unraveling and the public is catching up with madness.

Last week, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee voted to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt over his decision to withhold documents related to the 'gun walking' operation documents that President Obama tried to keep secret hang over

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town-sponsored events on Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

"Opening the use of facilities to for-profit groups or individuals created a problem because they compete with local merchants who through their payment of taxes paid for the construction of the facilities," said Frye.

Mayor David Wilkes said the busy holiday weekends is when the park is most useful to the public so it should be kept empty and the parking used to keep added cars off Main Street.

Cynthia Strain, the promoter of the arts and crafts shows in Village Square and K-H Park reiterated what she and others have said over the years, that the shows bring people and business to town.

However, last year, a number of merchants went on record claiming fairs on busy holiday weekends take business away from them and that's what started the ball rolling in this direction.

Despite Commissioner John Dotson's efforts to reverse the momentum and to allow fairs - whether for-profit or nonprofit - the board voted 4 to 1 to adopt the

## ... RECAP from page 1

impacting every school in the district.

- Development and implementation of the Early College Program followed by the construction of a new facility to house that program

- Acquiring District-wide Accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

- Recognizing the importance of reading as a foundation of success with this being continuously noted in our annual strategic plan as a priority with great results and a formal partnership with the Lindamood Bell program. The positive outcome of which has been noted in the improved EOG scores throughout the district. (See story in next week's edition.)

- Taking a leap forward to implement non-traditional calendar waivers for our schools, resulting in a more efficient and effective calendar deployment process for the 2012-'13 academic year.

- And one of the biggest areas of celebration, you have provided tremendous leadership and effective governance through one of the most challenging economic times we have faced in public education and the nation as we have navigated through the tough economic recession.

- Your commitment to the children of this county and the strong partnership you have sustained with our county commissioners has resulted in no personnel layoffs and improved operational efficiency for this district."

The board voted unanimously to use the services of NC School Board Association to begin the search process and finalized the search timeline, the advertisement of the vacancy, the application form, and the community and staff surveys.

Concerning the board's participation in opposition to NC Learns Virtual Public School, Leanne Winner with the NC School Board Association's legal dept. said Monday, June 26, the judge granted the associations's motion to intervene and will issue his motion around 2:30 p.m., Friday, June 29. (See story in the June 21 edition at [www.highlandsnewspaperPDF.com](http://www.highlandsnewspaperPDF.com))

- Kim Lewicki

use policy and to only tweak the application window time-frame.

"We will ask staff to create a list of approved nonprofits that meet our requirements and they will be allowed to use town facilities," said Frye. "We feel this is appropriate and addresses the issue of nonprofits versus for-profits whose purpose is to generate profit for themselves."

Commissioner Brian Steihler said the board didn't allow Bob Carlton to conduct business on a town sidewalk so it shouldn't let Strain use the park for craft fairs.

All the commissioners agreed that nonprofit craft fairs and events in general would be best on off-weekends and during the shoulder season.

"We have plenty of people here on the busy weekends," said Commissioner Gary Drake.

Since Strain has already planned a craft fair for the Labor Day 2012 weekend, the board voted 3-2 to allow it this year. Commissioners Drake and Eric Pierson voted

no.

**Spring Street**

Margaret Browne and Ridgley Berger spoke about the one-way street on Spring - both questioning the need and its direction.

"First I would like to know why no input was requested from the town's taxpaying residents and the S. 4th Street merchants regarding the change of Spring Street between 4th and 5th streets to a one-way in the same direction as Church Street which runs parallel," said Berger.

Both women suggested the development of the Old Edwards Inn complex on Spring had something to do with the decision which was only discussed once at the May 3 Town Board meeting where the board voted unanimously to make the road into a one-way street going east.

But Mayor Wilkes said the decision wasn't made for OEI it was made for Highlands; it just so happened to coincide with the development of OEI's new complex.

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## • HEALTH MATTERS •

### Don't be afraid to fall

**D**on't be afraid to fall! OK, maybe you should be cautious about falling and be taking preventative measures to avoid falling. However, one of the strongest predictors of older individuals who have falls is having high levels of fear towards falling.

While this concept may seem odd at first because most would assume that those who are afraid of falling would take caution while moving about thus, not falling, our mind and body actually work in peculiar ways.

You see, our body cannot produce voluntary movement without first developing a motor plan, which cannot be developed without developing a mental image of the movement we wish to execute. A mental image is created quickly and can be done both consciously and subconsciously. The mental image we develop is very delicate and can be influenced very easily. Our mental image can be influenced so easily that simply fearing the failed execution of a movement can cause us to envision the failed movement affecting the actual execution of our movement in a negative way.

A good example of this would be a golfer who needs to sink a 12" putt to win a golf match. The golfer has made thousands of 12" putts in their lifetime and can do it routinely.

In the past, before the golfer hits the ball, the golfer envisions executing the putt perfectly and making the shot, a process that has been done repeatedly through the golfer's career. However, because of the pressure of the match-winning putt the golfer may conjure a mental image of a failed putt and this could negatively affect the actual execution of the match winning putt.

So, in order to walk through your house, whether consciously or subconsciously, you picture in your mind walking through your house before and as you do it. However, because creating a mental image is a delicate process it can



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be skewed easily and thus changing your movement pattern.

By simply fearing a fall, a mental image is created of you falling and so your risk of creating improper movements that may lead to a fall increase.

However, falling is a very complex problem and mental imagery may only be part of the problem. Having a posi-

itive mental image of your movement through life may help, but there are many other things we need to do to avoid a nasty spill.

One of the biggest things we can do is stay physically active. Staying active simply allows us to practice movement and can reduce the risk of falls. Also, you should perform strength training activities that simultaneously provide balance challenges to help significantly reduce your risk of a fall. Finally, as simple as it sounds, remember to keep all walkways completely free of clutter and avoid slick surfaces!

### ... OBITUARIES continued from page 3

preceded in death by two sisters, Ellie Nix and Velma Mason and five brothers, Eugene, Walter, Lyman, Joe and Curt Wilson.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 28 at 2 p.m. at Blue Valley Baptist Church with Rev. Oliver Rice officiating. Burial will be in the Clear Creek Community Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Neal Earle, Kevin Earle, Scott Earle, Randy McCall, Jared McCall, Bud Hedden and Willie Mahler. Franklin VFW Post #7339 and American Legion Post #108 will perform full military graveside rites.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 1-2:PM, one hour prior to the service, at the church.

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Year-to-Date  
Market Report**



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**A**s we head into the 3rd Quarter, it is a good time to take a pulse on year-to-date real estate market activity in the Highlands-Cashiers area and discern what the numbers may indicate in terms of trends, market preferences, and guidance for future market direction.

I have studied and pulled data from the period beginning January 1, 2012 through June 24, 2012 and have focused on residential properties (homes, condominiums, and town homes) listed in the Highlands-Cashiers MLS (Macon, Jackson, and Rabun Counties) for the purposes of this analysis.

The data reveals there are 1,372 active listings, with an average list price of \$756,416 and 439 average days on the market. The price range with the highest number of listings (and closings) is the \$500,000 - \$999,999 segment.

There have been 119 closings during the period, with the listing price average at \$503,503 and a selling price average at \$434,455. The listing price to selling price average percentage is 86%, with an average days on market at 368.

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• At The Highlands Playhouse, The Spitfire Grill. Call 828-526-2695 for ticket information.

### Thursday June 28

• The Highlands Nature Center will provide such an opportunity with its ninth annual "Salamander Meander." Listen to a short presentation on salamander biology followed by an interpretive night hike with herpetologists to search for these magnificent creatures along the Biological Station's Garden trails. Be sure to bring a flashlight! Meet at the Nature Center at 9 p.m. Ages are 7 to adult, and advanced registration is required due to limited space. To reserve your spot or for more information, please call the Nature Center at 526-2623 or visit [www.highlandsbiological.org](http://www.highlandsbiological.org).

### Fri. & Sat., June 29-30

• An Attic Sale at Christ Church of the Valley from 9a to 5p. All proceeds will fund the mission trip to San Salvador. Lunch will be provided at a low cost, so come join us and, "Taste and See that the Lord is Good" (Psalm 34:8). Find something that you just can't live without! The church is located half a block west of the crossroads from downtown Cash-

iers. For more information or donation pickup call the church office at 743-5470.

### Friday, June 29

• Friday Night Live from 6-8p at Town Square on Main Street featuring the Foxfire Boys Band from Clayton, GA.

### Saturday, June 30

• Open House Tour at Shelby Place from 10a to 1p.

• Area Audubon Bird Walk. Join international birder Romney Bathurst as she leads a walk around the Highlands Nature Center and Sunset Rock this Saturday. All participants should meet at the Highlands public restrooms at 7:30 am. Walking will be slow and easy. Please call Michelle for further information at 743-9670, or visit [www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org](http://www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org).

### Saturday, June 30

• Live at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road, Jacob Deaton, jazz, blues, soul, 2:30-4p. 526-2121.

• 2nd Annual Glenville History tour 10a to 2p. The 2012 tour, a Glenville Historical Society fund-

raiser, will begin at the Norton Community Center. The tour sites are centered in the Norton and Yellow Mountain Communities, areas that contribute to the history of the Glenville area's early history. The cost for the tour is \$10 and is an additional fundraiser for the Glenville decals (GNVL) being sold for \$3.50. Tour tickets and decals can be purchased by calling Marietta and Don Domkowski at 828 743-3004. Funds raised by the group will make up the seed money needed to publish the Glenville Historical Record, the book of families, sites, life and culture from old Glenville to the present. For additional information about the Glenville Historical Society call Carol Adams, 828 743-1658 or any Society member listed above.

### July 2-7

• The Playhouse Acting Camp. 9a-noon for children ages 6-10 and from 1-4p for ages 11-14. Cost is \$195 per student. For more information call (828)526-2695 or go to [highlandsplayhouse.org](http://highlandsplayhouse.org).

### Tuesday, July 3

• Mountain High Republican Women's Club Monthly Luncheon Meeting will be held at 11:30a at the Highlands Country Club. The MHRWC is a tri-county group whose members are from Jackson, Macon and Transylvania counties. The July featured speaker is retired U.S. Marine Commandant General Carl E. Mundy Jr. Members and guests are invited to attend. For luncheon reservations, information, a membership application, please call 828 526-4146 or email [mtnrepublicanwomen@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnrepublicanwomen@yahoo.com). Inquiries may also be mailed to MHRWA, P.O. Box 126, Cashiers, NC 28717

### Wednesday, July 4

• All Fontana Regional libraries will be closed. (Hudson Library in Highlands). They will reopen on Thursday.

• Freedom the Eagle at the Bird Barn at Falls on Main next to Mountain Fresh Foods from 11a-1p.

• First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present the annual patriotic concert at 8 pm on Wednesday. The free concert will last approximately 45 minutes, ensuring plenty of time to watch the town fireworks display. Featured will be Larry Black, trumpet, Angie Jenkins, organist, and the Highlands Male Chorus under the direction of Joe Powell. Come dressed as you are. In the event the fireworks display is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

• Rotary cook-out and first ever Rubber Duck Derby. The cookout begins at 11 a.m. and the derby begins on Mill Creek at the Spruce Street culvert at 1:30p. \$5 gets you a luncheon plate. Two flights back to back with cash prize of \$250 for first place. Ducks are available for purchase the

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## Thursday, July 5

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

- At 7 p.m. on July 5 the Highlands Biological Foundation will kick-off the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series at the Highlands Nature Center, where researchers affiliated with the Highlands Biological Station (HBS) will give short presentations on the research that they conduct with HBS. 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](http://www.highlandsbiological.org) or call (828) 526-2221.

## Friday, July 6

- Preview Party & Auction – the precursor to the Follow the Star...Bazaar at Highlands United Methodist Church – 5-7:30 p.m. \$15 per person includes preview party and auction with heavy hors d'oeuvres at the church on Main Street..

## Saturday, July 7

- Follow the Star...Bazaar at Highlands United Methodist Church 8a to 4p. Breakfast will be available from 8-10a; and lunch from 11:30a-1:30p

- Live at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road, Jacob Deaton, jazz, blues, soul, 2:30-4p. 526-2121.

- Calloway Family Reunion at the Owens field in Satolah, GA. Bring a dish or two, drinks, chairs, tent, instruments and family members. The meat will be provided so please RSVP with number of those coming. Call Donnie and Bitxy Calloway at 828-526-9755, 828-200-9884 or 828-200-9885. It begins at 11 a.m., and food will be served at 12:30p. From Highlands, take NC 28 south (the Walhalla Road) for 8 miles until you come to Walkingstick Road, turn left. Saty on the road until you come to the big field on the right.

## Tuesday, July 10

- Relay for Life, ON THE VERANDAH PERCENTAGE NIGHT. On the Verandah Restaurant will be donating 15 percent of their sales to the 2012 Relay For Life of Highlands. Please call the restaurant to make a reservation at 828-526-2338 or make reservations online at <http://www.opentable.com/on-the-verandah?ref=10048&tr=1>.

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its next

meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers library. The meeting will begin at 7 PM preceded by a casting clinic at 6:15 PM. The speaker is Alex Bell, owner of AB's Fly Fishing Guide Service and co-creator of the Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail which outlines 15 prime fishing stops in Jackson County. Following the meeting, a raffle will be held featuring flies, accessories and the grand prize of a handmade fiberglass rod for small streams. Everyone is welcome. Call 828-885-7130 for additional information.

## Wed., July 11

- 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.

## 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: New perspectives on human settle-

ment 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](http://www.highlandsbiological.org) or call (828) 526-2221. Friday,

## Fri.-Sun., 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 ex-

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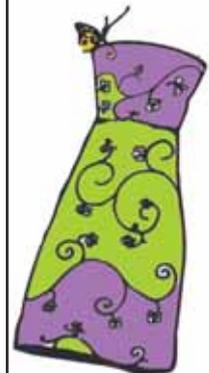
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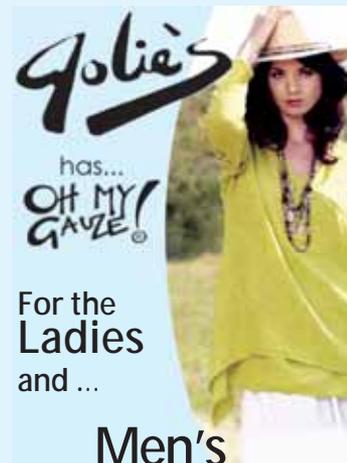
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• The 5th annual Highlands Motoring Festival at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street 10a-4p. All proceeds to benefit the Cashiers-High-

lands 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. The 5 week music program is for children newborn to 7 years and meets once a week in Cashiers at The Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library. Enrollment is flexible to accommodate family vacations. 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. Visit the website at [www.themusicvillage.net](http://www.themusicvillage.net).

**Saturday, July 14**

• Scaly Mountain Women's Club Auction on Friday night at the new Scaly Mountain Fire Department @169 Hale Ridge Road. with a preview of the items at 6 p.m. Professional Auctioneer. Bryan Snyder will begin the auction at 7 p.m. sharp. This event is a highlight of the summer. Be prepared to have an enjoyable evening and find the best bargains in Western North Carolina. For questions or donations, call Pat Leaptrot 526-9387 [Leaptrot@frontier.com](mailto:Leaptrot@frontier.com) or go the website [www.scalymountainwomensclub.com](http://www.scalymountainwomensclub.com)

**July 16-27**

• The Playhouse's Musical Theatre Camp from 9a-noon for ages 6-11 and from 1-4p for ages 12 and up. Learn the basics of Musical Theater with a focus on Acting, Singing, and Dance Cost is \$195 per student. For more information call (828)526-2695 or go to [highlandsplayhouse.org](http://highlandsplayhouse.org).

**Wed., July 18**

• 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. Mary Price, piano at the Episcopal Church.

• HCH Physician Forum Series - Board Certified Gastroenterologist, Dr. Richard Carter, will present "Well Being at Any Age" 12 noon to 1pm at

the Jane Woodruff Medical Clinic, level one. A complimentary box lunch will be provided. Reservations are necessary; please call 828-526-1313.

**Thursday, July 19**

• Live at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road, Jacob Deaton, jazz, blues, soul, 6:30p. 526-2121.

• Taize service at Highlands United Methodist at 5:30 p.m.

**Fri. & Sat., July 20-21**

• At the The Hen House on Main Street, GOOD EARTH POTTERY SIGNING, 10a - 6:30p each day.

**Saturdays, July 21, 28 and Aug. 4**

• Tour of Homes fundraiser for Highlands United Methodist Church. Tour three spectacular homes of non HUMC members. One each week. \$25 per home or all three for \$65. Transportation from the church. Tickets go on sale July 10. For more information or to volunteer call Wiley Sloan at 200-0261 or email [wileyandsarah@nctv.com](mailto:wileyandsarah@nctv.com)

**Sat., July 21**

• Cathy and Bob Fisher are graciously opening their gardens at Sagee Manor to the public for the benefit of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation outreach programs. In past years the generosity of the Fishers has raised more than \$50,000 that has supported community human service organizations and the Church's mission church and school in Haiti. Please call the Church of the Incarnation for reservations at 828-526-2968. The cost is \$30 per person and is payable by cash or check.

• All day at the Sapphire Valley Community Center, Wilderness Wildlife Days with B.E.A.R. members and Bill Lea.

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**Tues., July 24**

• At Fat Buddies in Franklin program at noon. Living in Bear Country.

**Wed., July 25**

• 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. Mountain Faith Bluegrass Group at the Presbyterian Church.

**Thurs, July 26-Sun., Aug. 19**

• At The Highlands Playhouse, Dames at Sea. Call 828-526-2695 for ticket information.

**Saturday, July 28**

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• Relay for Life, AN EVENING WITH THE JOHNNY WEBB BAND 5:30pm-8:30pm at the Highlands Rec Park. Concert, Spaghetti Dinner, Live and Silent Auction. \$10 donation requested. For more information, please contact Betty Fisher with the Just for You team at donandbetty9126@frontier.com.

**Sunday, July 29**

• Second Annual R.E.A.C.H. Gala. Cocktails, live auction at the home of prominent Houston and Highlands interior designer, Tony Raffa and his part-

ner Scott Allbee at 6 p.m. For reservations, call 828-369-5544 or go to [www.reachofmaconcounty.org](http://www.reachofmaconcounty.org). The cost is \$75 per person. Limited to 150 people. Last year this was a sell-out so make your reservations early!

**July 30-Aug. 3**

• The Playhouse's Dance Camp. An intensive dance class for different levels. 9-11:30 for beginners and 12:30-3 for intermediate and advanced students. Cost is \$100 per student. For more information call (828)526-2695 or go to [highlandisplayhouse.org](http://highlandisplayhouse.org).

• At the country club at Sapphire Valley at 4 p.m., Bear Stories and Photography with Bill Lea

**Wed., August 1**

• 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. Robert Henry, piano at the Episcopal Church.

**Thursday, Aug. 2**

• Taize service at Incarnation Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m.

**Sat., Aug. 4**

• At Cliffside Lake/Van Hook Glade Campground at 7 p.m. Hiking and Camping in Bear Country.

• BARK FOR LIFE. 9am-Noon Highlands Dog Park (behind the Rec Park). A fun event for dogs and their owners. A true version of Relay, but for the dogs!! Check back for more details as the event gets closer. After party for adults and dogs - Noon - Fressers Eatery at Helen's Barn - outside deck.

• GIANT YARD SALE. 9am-2pm First Citizens Bank (across the street from the Highlands Rec Park). For more information, please contact Betty Fisher with the Just for You team at donandbetty9126@frontier.com.

**Tuesday, Aug. 7**

• SURVIVOR DINNER. 6pm Highlands First Presbyterian Church, Coleman Hall. Please join us for a great meal, entertainment, and inspirational speaker. All survivors will receive a goody bag. For more information, please contact Karen Dunn at [karencpp@aol.com](mailto:karencpp@aol.com).

**Wed., Aug. 8**

• 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. Georgia State University Concert: Maria Valdes, soprano, Serafina Furguele, mezzo soprano, Yoo Seb Cho, violin and Rolando Salazar, piano at the Presbyterian Church.



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While there was more activity in the \$500K + range overall, it was heartening to see that all price points garnered activity. This indicates broad-based, market recovery health.

Compared to the very same time period last year, the data shows an uptick (albeit small) in market activity, with 119 closing in 2012, versus 107 closings in 2011.

Given the high levels of inventory and market competition, it is very important for Sellers to differentiate their properties with strong marketing to targeted segments of ideal Buyer prospects. Competitive pricing is one obvious avenue for accomplishing this, but by no means the only avenue. Understanding how your property lines up with Buyer preferences and then strategically highlighting same will help you garner desired market traction.

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strong Buyer activity during Q1 of 2012. Winter months are usually quiet months for real estate, so we were pleasantly surprised by summer-like inquiries and showings. This trend continued into April, May, and early June, indicating to us that the summer and fall months will be quite strong for real estate sales.

•Susie deVille, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. Her areas of expertise include real estate investments, niche marketing, social media, and strategic property positioning. An expert in entrepreneurship and anthropology, Susie applies her acumen in human behavior toward negotiating and advocating on behalf of her clients. White Oak Realty Group's sales office is located at 125 South Fourth Street in the heart of the retail district in Highlands. For more information, visit [WhiteOakRG.com](http://WhiteOakRG.com) or call (828) 526-8118.

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not? What other plan would you consider to reform the tax code?

**Vance Patterson:** Yes, I am a supporter of the Fair Tax. But we need to get all the answers on the table before we make a decision. The Flat Tax has social engineering in it and that's where the government tells you what it wants you to do. The Flat Tax has exemptions, the Fair Tax doesn't. It doesn't increase taxes. All see it and it's fair to all. Basically, all the money that is circulated is taxed.

**Mark Meadows:**

The Fair Tax has a marketing problem. The perception is there would be a 23% tax increase and that's hard to explain. You have to look at it as a consumption tax. But we shouldn't increase taxes by coming up with an alternative tax plan. It's a consumption tax that would be revenue neutral.

**Vance Patterson Rebuttal:**

I am not afraid of anything the Democrats say. The Fair Tax is so simple. Marketing is not a problem for a businessman.

**Question 5:** What is your understanding of Agenda 21, Sustainable Growth and Development? How does it fit into free market job growth?

**Mark Meadows:**

Agenda 21 is about sustainable growth. How does that fit with free market job growth? It doesn't. Free market job growth doesn't fit into Agenda 21 which is a war of words and a war on property rights. It's the government take over of property which comes from an international point of view. We've had enough in terms of international intervention in our government. We need local control at the county level. We need to stop Agenda 21.

**Vance Patterson:**

Agenda 21 is about sustainability. Sustainability? As soon as you hear greenways or bike paths, a red flag should go up. Agenda 21 began in the UN in 1987 and it's

based on a culture of virtue and its concerned about debt, poverty and pollution of the world. Every five years the UN comes up with another communist-like world view. It's an agenda to take away our land, and your freedom, guns, too. It's about taking away our rights.

**Question 6:** What part should God play in a legislator's approach to governing?

**Vance Patterson:**

The government has tried to take God out of our marketplace and schools. Once we remove God, the government becomes God. Denominations shouldn't influence government but religion should. Our religion is the home of our faith and it should guide our actions. I don't wear my religion on my sleeve, but it is always with me and will guide me in Washington.

**Mark Meadows:**

It's who we are. People are trying to make a secular nation out of a Christian nation. 95% of our Founding Fathers were Christians and all our laws have basis in Judeo-Christian values. We should be ashamed if we run from it and being politically correct has caused us to run from it. We need to make sure our laws are based on the Judeo-Christian faith. If we can't speak of God, then that's not free speech.

• Next week: In what areas do you see regulations having the greatest economic detriment?

**What is Agenda 21/Sustainable Development?**

According to its authors, the objective of sustainable development is to integrate economic, social and environmental policies in order to achieve reduced consumption, social equity, and the preservation and restoration of biodiversity. Sustainableists insist that every societal decision be based on environmental impact, focusing on three components; global land use, global education, and global population control and reduction.

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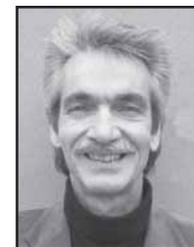
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## Are you sure you want to pray that prayer?



### By Pastor Dan Robinson Highlands Central Baptist Church

I once heard a man pray for patience. I immediately thought to myself: "That's something I'm not going to pray for". Now please, before you conclude that I'm unbelievably arrogant, consider something with me. The Bible clearly teaches that tribulation worketh patience (James 1:2-3). To pray for patience is somewhat tantamount to praying for tribulation. The phrase "the patience of Job" wasn't coined because Job had things easy.

Sometimes, therefore, whenever we pray, we might find ourselves asking for something we don't really want. On the other hand, at times we pray asking for what we already have. Much of our praying is more accurately APPROPRIATING. The Bible says that God has already given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him (II Peter 1:3). The Christian has the indwelling Holy Spirit. He has all joy, peace, strength and more. He is resident within every believer. I like to say it like this: The Holy Spirit makes practical everything Jesus died and resurrected to make possible.

Again, Peter says these gifts, virtues, or "needs" are met (realized/experienced) as we know Jesus Christ increasingly. He is all peace and all joy in all believers. As I live in proper relationship with Him, His promises increasingly become my experience.

Then, sometimes when we pray, we come to a "bucket-of-cold-water-in-the-face" awareness that we're asking for something our Heavenly Father has NEVER promised. Particularly in our culture, we come to expect ease, comfort, and even luxury. Yet these are certainly more in the realm of earthly values rather than Biblical promises. To say it another way: God will never do what He hasn't promised to do. But, likewise, He will always do what He HAS promised to do.

Be encouraged! We learn how to pray by praying. No one has arrived. Jesus is the only one who has "learned" how to pray. The rest of us are "learning." Yet, He is always praying for us. And like He taught His disciples to pray, so we may count on Him teaching us. Remember: Prayer is the most important ministry in all the world. It makes sense....doesn't it.....that we learn everything we can about it.

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swer 'nope.' I quit newspapers and news TV....too irritating."

I sat for a moment pondering his comment. Then I remembered what I already knew about him. Popcorn is focused on his family, his business, his dog and his friends. All the rest can go to..... It's one of the main reasons I like to get my car inspected. The bear was just an added treat.

Being a right brained Alpha male

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believe, but there was no interest in our oversized "dream catcher."

One woman, obviously an experienced shopper, nested over the jewelry table. She picked out a pair of hand-made sterling silver and tiger eye earrings, and asked the price. I checked with Lizzie and told her five dollars. She offered four. You might wonder why I was bickering over a dollar. I've asked myself the same question and don't have an answer. I think it's about conquest or dominance. It is the game they play, an activity of which I was only vaguely aware of before last Saturday.

We'd been advised to overprice items in the anticipation of bargain seekers, and I suppose if we'd priced the earrings at 10 dollars, the lady would

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the investigation and the White House for many months to come. Be patient, conservatives. It took nearly eight months for the Watergate break in to become a national news story. But when it finally did, it toppled a President.

Here is what Fast and Furious is all about – and for the uninitiated, be prepared for a shock. In 2009, the U.S. government instructed Arizona gun sellers illegally to sell arms to suspected criminals. Agents working for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) were then ordered not to stop the sales but to allow the arms to 'walk' across the border into the arms of Mexican drug-traffickers. According to the Oversight Committee's report, 'The purpose was to wait and watch, in hope that law enforcement could identify other members of a trafficking network and build a large, complex conspiracy case. The case was named 'Operation Fast and Furious.'

Tracing the arms became difficult, until they started appearing at bloody crime scenes. Many Mexicans (an estimated at least 200) have died from being shot by ATF sanctioned guns, but the

high adrenalin freak, I can't imagine being like Popcorn and I envy his ability to be so laid back. He'll know America is under attack when he sees Russian troops comin' up from the Walhalla Road. Darn, I envy him.

\*Each Saturday morning between nine and noon ole Fred is hangin' out at the school's Farmer's Market peddling his books. Drop by and maybe he'll insult you.

have offered eight. I could have graciously, if reluctantly, accepted. For three dollars I could have sold her the illusion of triumph. She would have been happy; we would have netted three dollars more; and my dignity would have been more or less intact.

We've decided that a second sale to unload hundreds of unsold items would be futile. I'd be satisfied if it all simply disappeared and I could walk through the living room without tripping over a soup tureen. We have pottery and porcelain, ties and shawls. We have bowls and plates, a slightly dented cloisonné vase and a forest of fake ficus trees. If you're interested and if you come to Shelby Place before Mountain Findings, I'll make you an offer you can't refuse.

scandal only became public after a U. S. federal agent, Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry, was killed by one of them in a fire fight. ATF whistled blowers started to come forward and the Department of Justice was implicated." It is estimated that the U.S. government effectively supplied 1,608 weapons to criminals that precipitated what is being described as what now amounts to a civil war within Mexico.

So, Issa's committee votes to hold Holder in contempt, Speaker Boehner says he'll put it before the House, and President Obama evokes "executive privilege" to prevent investigators from accessing more documents in pursuit of the truth. Up until this point, it was thought the cover-up ended at the Department of Justice.

It would appear that the White House felt the heat and has now raised questions about Obama involvement.

Time will tell where this leads. Libs say it's a "witch hunt," Conservatives call it "factfinding." Libs say factfinding has no place in politics. Conservatives say it's all about dealing with facts. Therein lies the difference.

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**Art and the park**

Dear Editor,

I find it puzzling that the Town Board would vote to band a free art show in the Kelsey Hutchinson Park because the event was not a "nonprofit" event. Granted, the organizer of the art show did make a profit by compensating herself for the time devoted to putting on the event.

The art show generated mon-

ey for the town treasury by renting the park, and provided tax paying citizens a free art experience. Some artists in the art show made a modest profit. But as a participant in the show, I must confess that after adding up all the time and expenses an exhibiting artist was fortunate to make the \$7.25 minimum wage.

The town board has voted on numerous occasions to appropriate taxpayer funds to performing arts organizations that have a "nonprofit" designation. Nevertheless, the administrators and performers of these organizations are adequately paid from ticket sales and community support. I guess three of the Town Commissioners saw a clear line of distinction that I fail to comprehend.

I appreciate the positive and wonderful contributions that the performing arts make to the cultural and economic life of our community. I support town government funding of performing arts facilities. But, as a visual artist I hate to see a double standard and "hair splitting" being employed by the Town Board.

**Patrick Taylor  
Highlands**

**How to  
improve our  
school systems**

Dear Editor,

This may date me but I can remember when in the Public school system:

- \* Phonics were taught.
- \* You had to learn the multiplication tables.
- \* Writing was improved by drawing continuous circles within lines when the teacher said ready, ready, ready write and practice push pulls.
- \* All had to take recess (exercise class) that was usually held outside.
- \* We were punished at school for wrong doings then usually again at home when our parents found out.
- \* We all said the Pledge of

Allegiance at the start of each day.

\* Many of our devoted teachers were married mothers that returned after their children were capable of handling themselves.

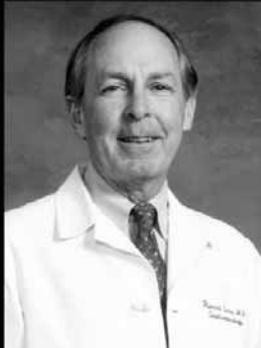
\* The school had the option of dividing the classes into groups such as slower learners, average students and the more gifted into groups (they now call that segregation).

\* Those that failed a specific subject or class had to repeat it.

Well those are what the old timers like myself call the good old days. Then came along the notion of modern math that only lasted a few years and set back many students. If that wasn't bad enough it was decided that the slow learners, the average and the fast learners should all be together in the classroom. However, this no segregation policy made the slow learner compete with the more gifted and this also held back the more gifted because of the slower learners pace.

Then to compound the problem there is now little or no discipline allowed and if a teacher addresses an issue with a student chances are the parents (if they are fortunate enough to have two) holds the school liable. On the other hand teachers that are perhaps not capable or could care less about teaching cannot be dismissed because of their bullet proof union contracts. Since spending is out of control, actually un-sustainable, and the students appear to be learning less, in some cases students beyond the third grade can't even read, I propose its time we try something completely different since studies have shown that the quality of teaching is paramount to achievement:

- \* Reform should consist of raising academic standards.
- \* Making these standards measurable.
- \* Assuring accountability.
- \* Provide teacher excellence with incentive rewards based on their performance.
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Additionally, an experimental tele-communication program (system) could be established in the some schools or districts. Once installed the following would be instituted:

\* Each classroom would have the latest audio and video technology available.

\* The educators being heard and seen on that equipment would all be inspired motivators, highly qualified, and

excellent communicators on the subject they would be teaching.

\* The attending teacher would be in attendance to primarily run the equipment, answer questions, grade the tests and maintain discipline.

\* Although some may claim discrimination, the specific classrooms should be attended by the students learning abilities. I'm of the opinion that it is very difficult for a slower learner to compete or keep up with

those that are more gifted. Additionally, the more gifted should not be held back by the slower learners.

Utilizing such an approach would provide all students with the highest quality educators this country has to offer, whether rich or poor or minority or not. The on-site classroom teacher would not have to be as highly qualified, as should now be required but often is not the case, in that the in-class teacher would have access to

all material being presented by the expert on that specific subject.

The approach described above is not much different then what some universities are now implementing on the Web. Additionally, it is a fact that those now being home schooled use this approach and the test results show they do better than those in public schools.

Paul Horvath  
Highlands

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The women said now, with both Church and Spring going in the same direction, residents trying to head west must take Main Street and contend with heavy tourist traffic or South Street where they negotiate the 5-way intersection.

"It defies every basic lesson of civil engineering and city planning to have two parallel one-way streets going in the same direction," said Browne who holds a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning and Public Affairs from Princeton.

Also submitted was a petition with 27 signatures contending that Spring Street traffic should go in the opposite direction from Church Street.

Commissioners said the one-way street was suggested by Wilbur-Smith's

2009 parking study for safety reasons, but there is some confusion as to which direction the study suggested.

Furthermore, the in-depth study was shelved for years, with only the one-way street item recently resurrected.

Mayor Wilkes said changing a street to a one-way doesn't require a public hearing or a vote from the public.

"It is incumbent upon you to come these meetings if you are interested in what's going on," he said. "We are not required to go door-to-door to solicit comments from citizens. That's not how this process works."

He said the item has been done, but it could be undone if there is a good reason, but it was unsafe as a two-way street.

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

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

June 4

• At 10:25 a.m., officers responded to an unattended death of a 75-year-old woman in an apartment in Oak Square.

June 7

• At 2 p.m., officers responded to a call of a simple assault at Helen's Barn.  
• At 4:38 p.m., officers received a report about a accident on NC 106 where a driver backed into a motorcycle and knocked it over.

June 12

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to a call of a larceny of door knobs at Helen's Barn.  
• At 9:23 a.m., a resident on Piper's Court reported a bear on the property.  
• At 4:20 p.m., officers were called about the unauthorized use of a vehicle on Main Street.  
• At 5 p.m., larceny of computer equipment from a vehicle at the Highlands Biological Station was reported.  
• At 1:42 p.m, a resident called about an injured bear. The caller was told to call the Wildlife Commission.

June 13

• At 2 p.m., Steven Austin Carlton, 19, of Franklin, was arrested for no insurance, no license plate and possession of drug paraphernalia when he was pulled over on Oak Street.

June 14

• At 10 a.m., a person reported losing a wallet with \$1,000 in it on Main Street.  
• At noon an assault was reported at Helen's Barn.

June 15

• At 3:38 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident at US 64 and Maple St.  
• At 1:45 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.  
• During the week, police officers responded to 1 alarms and issued 11 citations.  
**Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from June 7.**  
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 7

• At 9:13 p.m, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Arnold Road. It was false.  
• At 9:37 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cinnamon Lane. EMS transported.

June 8

• At 4:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on US 64 west. EMS transported.  
• At 6:21 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Harbison/Orchard Drive.

June 9

• At 1:19 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a resident on Buck Creek Road.

June 11

• At 9:55 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Fairway Compass. EMS transported.

June 12

• At 9:37 a.m., the dept. was first-responded to a residence on Highlands View where a 94 year old woman had fallen. EMS transported.  
• At 5:59 p.m, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Chestnut Hill. EMS transported.

June 13

• At 1:25 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Peace Mountain Road. It was false.  
• At 4:34 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106. EMS transported to the hospital.

June 14

• At 1:02 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road. It was false.  
• At 6:18 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Hospital Drive. It was false.

June 15

• At 12:23 a.m, the dept. responded to a structure fire caused by lightning at the Cashiers Road. There was minor damage.  
• At 7:39 a.m, the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Dog Mountain Road. It was mistakenly set off by the homeowner.

June 17

• At 12:43 p.m., the dept. responded to an OnStar vehicle alarm on Crowe Drive. It was false.

June 19

• At 9:21 a.m, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Beaver Run Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

June 21

• At 2:33 p.m, and at 3:56 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Clear Creek Road. It was set off by workers.

# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

## Couple resurrects historic Log Cabin restaurant

Restaurateurs Heinrich and Pamela Lowenberg of Cafe Via Flora on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach, Florida, which was named "Best New Business of the Year" by the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, bring their vision to Rustico at The Log Cabin, on Log Cabin Lane in Highlands. Beginning July 4 at 5:30 p.m., they will be serving fine northern Italian cuisine in the elegantly rustic atmosphere of the Log Cabin, opening with a limited menu but a full bar including wine and beer.

They will operate Cafe Via Flora during Highlands' off-season and Rustico at The Log Cabin during Florida's off-season.

They bring with them their 2-year-old son, and their chefs and staff from Cafe Via Flora. For reservations, call 828-526-0999.



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Frye reminded the public that North Carolina and the United States is a republic and not a democracy. "You elected these people to make these decisions," he said.

To comply with the Master Sidewalk Plan and by ordinance, OEI was required to put a sidewalk along the street and to accommodate for parking. Now, as a one-way street it has a 6-foot sidewalk, including curb and gutter and parallel and diagonal parking along the street.

However, the infrastructure protrudes into the street and that raised questions, too.

"The circular entrance on the Spring Street to the OEI lodges extends onto our city street. Why is this allowed?" asked Berger.

Frye said that about 90% of the infrastructure along Spring Street is on OEI property and about 10% of it is in the town right-of-way, "but we are moving the road over (north) when we repave it so they won't be encroaching anymore," said Frye.

Berger suggested the town was basically gifting OEI 10% of a street paid for by taxpayers and said that was a dangerous

precedent.

In a subsequent interview, OEI General Manager Richard Delaney was asked if OEI would be agreeable to rerouting Spring Street one-way west rather than east. "It is a real mixed bag as far as OEI and the guests are concerned and not a great advantage to us one way or the other," he said. "I am seriously for whatever is best for the town on this matter. I think this is one of those issues where the decision has to be made for the majority rather than the minority and from the study the current design seems to be more logical."

He said at the end of all this all, nothing is permanent and it can always be reversed if it is obvious this was the wrong decision. "All this would take is some black paint, white paint and to rotate the signs. It is an easy fix whether the road is paved or not," he said.

The next Town Board meeting is Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. The July 5 Town Board meeting was cancelled and the Town Board voted 4-1 to only meet once a month beginning with the July meeting.

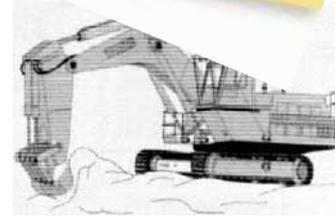
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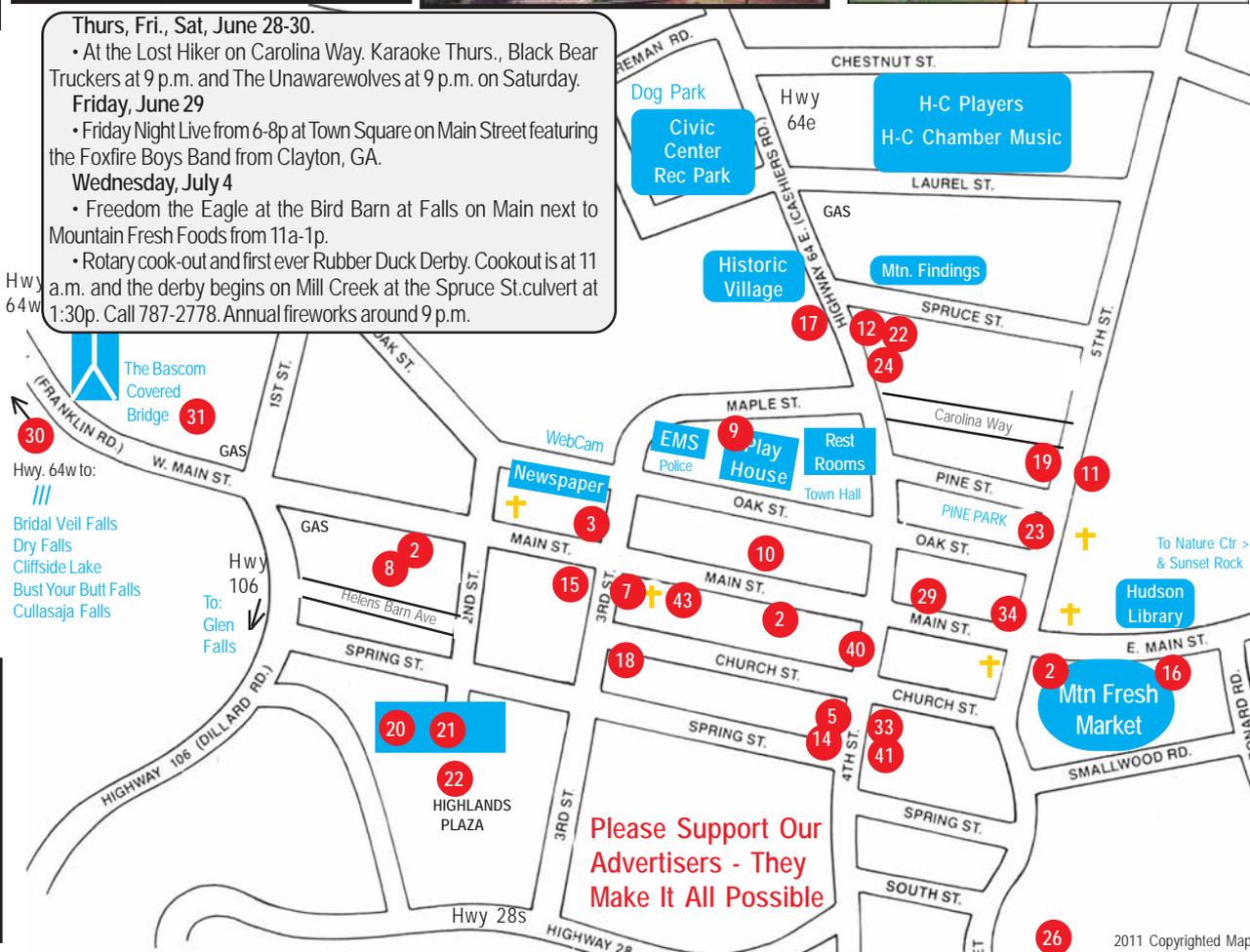
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